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ECLIPSES FOR THE YEAR 1900.

In the year 1900 there will be three eclipses, two of the Sun and one of the Moon.

1. The first is a total eclipse of the Sun, May 28th, visible in the forenoon throughout the United States, Mexico, Europe and Africa. Atlantic and Pacific Ocean as a partial eclipse. The path of the total eclipse passing through Norfolk, Va., Raleigh, N. C., near Columbia, S. C., Macon, Ga., Mobile, Ala., New Orleans, La., and through Mexico. Visible at the following cities. Boston, Mass., begins 8.9, ends 10.48; New York, N. Y., 7.53 to 10.30; Philadelphia, Pa., 7.51 to 10.22; Harrisburg, Pa., 7.43 to 10.8; Pittsburg, Pa., 7.29 to 9.53; Raleigh, N. C., 7.31 to 9.52; Baltimore, Md., 7.44 to 10.14; Washington, D. C., 7.40 to 10.11; Cleveland, Ohio, 7.21 to 9.42; Columbus, Ohio, 7.15 to 9.36; Cincinnati, Ohio, 7.8 to 9.31; Chicago, Ill., 6.57 to 9.20; Milwaukee, Wis., 6.48 to 9.25; St. Louis, Mo., 6.43 to 8.52; New Orleans, La., 6.37 to 8.47.
2. The second is a partial eclipse of the Moon, June 12th, visible throughout the United States.
3. The third is an annular eclipse of the Sun, November 21st, invisible in North America; visible in Africa, Indian Ocean and Australia. The path of the annular passing through lower Africa and Central Australia.

Carefully calculated for the horizon of Maryland, but will serve for the adjacent States, without material variation, and are expressly calculated for The Robt. A. Wooldridge Co., Baltimore, Md.

By WILL R. IBACH, Newmanstown, Leb. Co., Pa.

MOVABLE FESTIVALS.

Septuagesima Sunday	February	11
Sexagesima Sunday	February	18
Quinquagesima Sunday	February	25
Shrove Tuesday	February	27
Ash Wednesday	February	28
Quadragesima Sunday	March	4
Mid-Lent Sunday	March	25
Palm Sunday	April	8
Maund Thursday	April	12
Good Friday	April	13
Easter Sunday	April	15
Low Sunday	April	22
Rogation Sunday	May	20
Ascension Day	May	24
Whit Sunday	June	3
Trinity Sunday	June	10
Corpus Christi	June	14
First Sunday in Advent	Decemb'r	2
Sundays after Trinity are		24

CHRONOLOGICAL CYCLES.

Dominical Letter	G.
Golden Number	1
Epact	29
Solar Cycle	5
Roman Indiction	13
Julian Period	6613

EMBER DAYS.

March 7, 9, 10. September 19, 20, 22.
June 6, 8, 9. December 19, 20, 22.

The Jewish Era, with their year 5661, commences September 24th, 1900.

The Mohammedan Era, with their year 1318, commences May 1st, 1900.

THE FOUR SEASONS, OR CARDINAL POINTS.

Vernal Equinox. ☉ enters ♈ March 20th, 8 o'clock P. M.
Summer Solstice. ☉ enters ♋ June 21st, 4 o'clock P. M.
Autumnal Equinox. ☉ enters ♎ September 23d, 7 o'clock A. M.
Winter Solstice. ☉ enters ♑ December 22d, 1 o'clock A. M.

Mercury (☿) is called the Governing Planet this year.

Characters of the Constellations.

♈ Aries, the ram.
♉ Taurus, the bull.
♊ Gemini, the twins.
♋ Cancer, the crab.
♌ Leo, the lion.
♍ Virgo, the virgin.
♎ Libra, the balance.
♏ Scorpio, the scorpion.
♐ Sagittarius, the bowman.
♑ Capricornus, the goat.
♒ Aquarius, the butler.
♓ Pisces, the fishes.

Astronomical Characters Explained.

● New Moon. ◑ Full Moon. ☽ First Quarter. ☾ Last Quarter.

☊ Moon's Asc. Node, or Dragon's head.
☋ Moon's Desc. Node, or Dragon's tail.
☋ Moon's Ascension.
☊ Moon's Descension.
☽ Moon in Apogee, farthest from the Earth.
☾ Moon in Perigee, nearest to the Earth.

Planets and Aspects.

♄ Saturn,
♃ Jupiter,
♂ Mars,
☉ Sun,
☽ Moon,
♀ Venus,
☿ Mercury,
⊕ Earth,
♅ Herschel,
♆ Neptune.
☌ Conjunction, or planets in the same longitude.
✶ Sextile, when they are 60 degrees apart.
□ Quartile, when they are 90 degrees apart.
△ Trine, when they are 120 degrees apart.
☍ Opposition, when they are 180 degrees apart.

1865. THIRTY-SIXTH YEAR. 1900.

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ALMANACK

For the Year of Our Lord

1900.

Being the 125th of the Independence of the United States, and a Common Year of 365 Days.

ARRANGED AFTER THE SYSTEM OF THE GERMAN CALENDARS.

CONTAINING

The Rising, Setting and Eclipses of the Sun and Moon; the Phases, Places and Southing of the Moon; the Aspects of the Planets; the Rising, Setting and Southing of the most conspicuous Planets and Fixed Stars; the Equation of Time, with a variety of Useful and Entertaining Matter, Anecdotes, &c.

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THE BUSINESS AND ITS BUILDERS.

In entering upon the closing year of the greatest century of this world's history it may not be inappropriate to refer in a few brief sentences to the origin and progress of a business which has contributed, in a modest way at least, to the prosperity of the section in which it has been and is yet located. Every enterprise which has for its object the benefit and substantial advancement of any number of people is not only entitled to respect and confidence, but there should be mention of certain historical facts in relation to its inception and growth which are more or less interesting. The production of

THE ROBERT A. WOOLDRIDGE COMPANY'S HIGH-CLASS FERTILIZERS

constitutes such a business, and there is no reason why an exception should be made in the case of these worthy goods and their history passed over.

The business enjoys the advantage of having had from its inception to the present time in its managerial and manufacturing *personnel* men who understood the Fertilizing business in its minutest details. Our Mr. Wooldridge—the only "Wooldridge" in the business—is a "full-grown man" (i. e., he is twenty-one years old) in the Fertilizing business, having commenced in 1879 in the employ of John B. Russell, Esq., whom he succeeded in 1881, by reason of Mr. Russell's death. Mr. Russell was a native of Nantucket, but came to Baltimore after the war to manage the local Fertilizer business of Lister Bros. of Newark, N. J. He remained with that firm until the fall of 1873, when he purchased an interest and became a full partner in the old and well-established firm of B. M. Rhodes & Co., favorably known as the manufacturers of "Rhodes' Super Phosphates," one of the best-known and most popular Fertilizers used by the farmers in the early "sixties." Mr. Russell withdrew from the house of B. M. Rhodes & Co. in January, 1878, and began business on his own account, which he conducted until his death in 1881.

The firm of Wooldridge, Travers & Co. (consisting of Robert A. Wooldridge and Samuel W. Travers, general partners, and Wm. H. Stevenson, special partner) succeeded Mr. Russell in February, 1881, and were in turn succeeded by R. A. Wooldridge & Co. in December, 1883, who continued the business until the organization of the Wooldridge Fertilizer Co., in January, 1893. By reason of differences among the stockholders of this company, its affairs were turned over to receivers appointed by the court in 1896 (Mr. Wooldridge himself signing the application), and the business of the company closed. Then it was that the present corporation was organized and the present business established by the officers and employes of the old concern, Mr. Travers, the president, having been connected with Mr. Wooldridge in the Fertilizer business since September, 1881; Captain Blackwell since the summer of 1885, and Mr. Anderson since May, 1893. From these data it will be seen that we are no novices in the Fertilizer business, and although we cannot boast of having succeeded "father" or "grandfather" in the business, we can claim a place in the direct line of succession from one of the oldest and best-known firms in that special line of business in the city or State. But to newer data.

Eighteen hundred and ninety-nine was a surprising year. It was one of the busiest in all our history, and that in the teeth of the strongest competition with which we ever met. Some disappointments, some vexations, some hopes realized, some plans not executed, of course; but by far the largest part of all our good intentions for the development of the business came to their successful accomplishment, and the year was a busy, hopeful, happy one. Right here we want to thank our numerous and loyal friends, the farmers, for their increasing orders for our Fertilizers, as well as for their faithful and continuous interest in that favorite Annual, our

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This interest has been no little inspiration to us, and the growing demand for the book has made us study how to make each succeeding issue brighter and more valuable than its predecessor. For the year on which we have fully entered we earnestly desire to offer to all farmers, planters and other users of the

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HIGH-CLASS FERTILIZERS

our compliments and heartiest good wishes for a prosperous and successful year.

THE GENUINE WOOLDRIDGE HIGH-CLASS FERTILIZERS

are made of the choicest Fertilizing bases and components, and are free from all such worthless trash as sludge acid phosphate, garbage tankage, leather scrap, hoof meal, night soil and other similar stuff. Their distinguishing features are their uniform equality and often superiority in the bag to the analysis by sample, their permanent benefit to the soil, their especial service to the crops from planting to gathering and the sustained enrichment of the soil for years afterwards. Back of every shipment and every bag are the reputation, the experience and the square dealing of the ROBERT A. WOOLDRIDGE COMPANY.

REMEMBER THIS. There is

ONLY ONE WOOLDRIDGE

In the Fertilizer Business in Baltimore or in America,

and he is the General Manager of the Robert A.

Wooldridge Co. He is the originator and owner of all the true, real Wooldridge Formulas, and the brands of his formulation and production cannot be purchased from any other firm in the Fertilizer business. These brands are fully described in this Almanack, and if bought and used according to the description and directions given they are guaranteed by us to be the equal of any others.

As already said, wherever it is possible to improve a formula, either by experiment, observation or from the valued suggestions of our friends, the farmers, we do so gladly. These goods are not sold to accomplish a sale and pocket a profit only. They are sold on their merit and real worth, with the view of making every purchaser a friend and permanent customer. To what extent we have succeeded in our purpose will be seen from the letters published by us from year to year.

With this fact before us, and the goods offered on their merits and our reputation, the farmers cannot afford to listen to or go into the schemes and plans of Fertilizer fakirs who peddle trashy, flashy phosphates up and down the land and endeavor to gull farmers and truckers into the use of their worthless stuff. Read the testimonials presented in this book, chosen from hundreds on our files, which are always open for inspection. They are from the brightest and clearest-headed farmers of this country, men who commenced the use of the goods concurrent with their production, and who have as yet seen no reason to switch off. It's good to listen at times to the "other man;" you often get valuable experience and don't pay a fancy price for it, either.

Yours for another year of prosperity,

THE ROBT. A. WOOLDRIDGE CO.,
Sole Manufacturers of
THE GENUINE WOOLDRIDGE HIGH-CLASS FERTILIZERS,
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A party of Texan wagoners, after a hard day's pull, were chatting around the camp-fire over their pipes.

"Sambo, me b'y," exclaimed Pat, a rollicking Irishman, to a jolly darkey, "tell us what makes yer nose so flat."

"Dun'no, Mars' Pat," answered Sam, "but I 'spec' it's to keep me from pokin' into udder people's business."

Pat gave a long whistle, amidst the roar of his companions, and went to look after the mules, a sadder and a wiser man.

WHERE HE DREW THE LINE.

With more or less of humorous intention, perhaps, Col. William M. Olin, Secretary of the Commonwealth of Massachusetts, attributes to Col. T. W. Higginson an anecdotical jibe at military titles. The Secretary tells the Boston Times that Colonel Higginson was traveling in the South a few years after the war, and chanced to fall into talk with a farmer who had engaged a number of old soldiers to help in the haying.

"You see over there where those four men are working?" asked the farmer. "Well, all of 'em fought in the war. One of 'em was a private, one of 'em was a corporal, one was a major, and that man 'way over in the corner was a colonel."

"Are they good men?" asked Higginson.

"Well," said the farmer, "that private's a first-class man, and the corporal's pretty good, too."

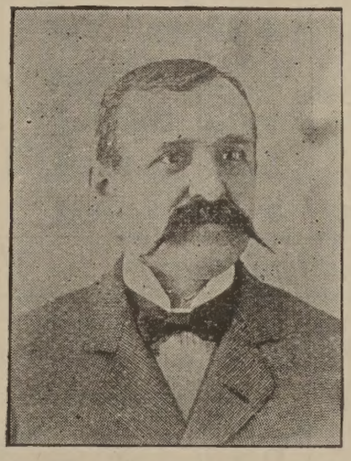
"But how about the major and the colonel?"

"The major's so-so," said the farmer.

"But the colonel?"

"Well, I don't want to say nothin' against any man who was a colonel in the war," said the farmer, "but I've made up my mind I won't hire no brigadier-generals!"

E. O. HACKER, Lincoln, Lancaster Co., Pa., Nov. 24, 1899, says: I have been selling the different brands of your Fertilizers in this section for the past ten years, and in communities adjacent to this, where competition is very strong, in the face of all of which the sales have steadily increased. Your goods sell on their merits, and it affords me much gratification to hear the favorable reports every year from my customers in regard to their experiences with them. Farmers who buy and use them once continue to do so, and consequently I have very little trouble in selling them. As all-round Fertilizers for general farm use and to build up land with I am convinced from my long experience that your goods have no superiors, and I shall therefore confine myself to the sale of them exclusively, as I am satisfied that I cannot get anything better in the Fertilizer line with which to furnish my customers.



A suburban widower married a second time, and his choice was a wealthy lady about fifty years of age. When the bride and bridegroom returned from the wedding, the husband, introducing the wife to his children, said:

"My dear children, kiss this lady. She is the new mama I promised to bring you."

After taking a steady look at the "new mama," little Charlie said:

"Papa, you have been cheated. She isn't new at all!"

JANUARY, 1st Month.

Weeks and Days.	Remarkable Days.	Moon south. h. m.	Moon r. & s. h. m.	Moon's pl. noon. sig. deg.	Aspects of Planets, and other miscellaneous matter.	Sun slo. m.	Sun rises. h. m.	Sun sets. h. m.	O. style.
Mond.	1 *New Year*	Ev 11	☽ sets	♐ 26	1. ☌☽. ⊕ in Perihelion.	4	7 23	4 37	19
Tuesd.	2 Abel, Seth.	1 10	6 22	♑ 10	☿ gr. Hel. Lat. S.	4	7 23	4 37	20
Wedn.	3 Enoch	2 6	7 37	♑ 24	☌☿☽. ☿ sets 6 46. ☽ in Per.	5	7 23	4 37	21
Thurs.	4 Methusalem	3 0	8 52	♏ 7	☌♃ Scorpi.	5	7 22	4 38	22
Friday	5 Simon	3 52	10 6	♏ 20	♄ rises 6 12.	6	7 22	4 38	23
Saturd.	6 *Epiphany*	4 43	11 14	♐ 2	♃ rises 4 6.	6	7 21	4 39	24

1 1*st Sunday after Epiphany.* *Luke* 2. *Day's length* 9 *hours* 18 *min.*

Sunday	7 Isidore	5 33	morn.	♐ 14	☌☿♄. Castor south 12 10.	7	7 21	4 39	25
Mond.	8 Erhard	6 24	1 32	♑ 26	8. Aldebaran so. 9 14	7	7 20	4 40	26
Tuesd.	9 Julian	7 16	2 8	♑ 8	☿ in ♌. ☿ sets 7 5.	8	7 19	4 41	27
Wedn.	10 *Paul's imp.*	8 9	3 11	♑ 20	7* south 8 31.	8	7 19	4 41	28
Thurs.	11 Hyginus	9 3	4 13	♑ 2	Capella south 9 43.	8	7 18	4 42	29
Friday	12 Rinehold	9 57	5 9	♑ 14	♄ rises 5 49. ☽ in ♉.	9	7 17	4 43	30
Saturd.	13 Veronica	10 49	5 58	♑ 26	☌♆☽. ♃ rises 3 47.	9	7 17	4 43	31

2 2*d Sunday after Epiphany.* *John* 2. *Day's length* 9 *hours* 28 *min.*

Sunday	14 Felix	11 27	6 41	♏ 8	Sirius so. 10 52.	9	7 16	4 44	*Jan.*
Mond.	15 Maurice	morn.	☽rises	♏ 21	15. Spica rises 9 17.	10	7 15	4 45	
Tuesd.	16 Marcellus	12 27	6 15	♐ 3	☌☌☉. Rigel south 9 23.	10	7 14	4 46	3
Wedn.	17 Anthony	1 12	7 13	♐ 16	Canopus south 10 28.	10	7 14	4 46	4
Thurs.	18 *Franklin b.*	1 55	8 12	♑ 0	☿ sets 7 22.	11	7 13	4 47	5
Friday	19 Sarah	2 36	9 11	♑ 13	☿ in Aphelion. ☽ in apo.	11	7 12	4 48	6
Saturd.	20 *F. & Sebast*	3 17	10 5	♑ 27	♃ rises 3 25. ☉ enters ♒	11	7 11	4 49	7

3 3*d Sunday after Epiphany.* *Matt.* 8. *Day's length* 9 *hours* 40 *min.*

Sunday	21 Agnes	3 58	11 4	♎ 15	Procyon south 11 16.	12	7 10	4 50	8
Mond.	22 Vincent	4 48	morn.	♎ 25	♄ rises 5 14.	12	7 9	4 51	9
Tuesd.	23 Emerentia	5 23	12 49	♏ 9	23. 7* sets 12 42.	12	7 8	4 52	10
Wedn.	24 Timothy	6 10	1 35	♏ 23	Pollux south 10 9.	12	7 7	4 53	11
Thurs.	25 *Pauls con.*	7 0	2 34	♐ 7	☿ sets 7 40.	13	7 6	4 54	12
Friday	26 Polycarpus	7 54	3 34	♐ 21	☿♃☽. ♃ rises 3 7. ☌♅☽.	13	7 5	4 55	13
Saturd.	27 J. Chrysost	8 57	4 30	♑ 6	☽ in ♌. Regulus ri. 6 34	13	7 4	4 56	14

4 4*th Sunday after Epiphany.* *Matt.* 8. *Day's length* 9 *hours* 54 *min.*

Sunday	28 Charlemagne	9 51	5 26	♐ 20	☌♄☽. ♄ rises 5 1.	13	7 3	4 57	15
Mond.	29 Valerius	10 51	6 23	♑ 4	Arcturus rises 10 1.	13	7 2	4 58	16
Tuesd.	30 Adelgunda	11 49	☽ sets	♑ 18	30. ☌☿☽. ☌☌☽.	14	7 1	4 59	17
Wedn.	31 Virgil	Ev 46	6 27	♑ 1	☿ sets 7 54. ☽ in per.	14	7 0	5 0	18

A good way to begin the new year is to apply our Liberty Bell Potash Mixture broadcast on your permanent meadows or your mowing fields for next season, also on your land intended for corn in place of farm manure. For these crops Liberty Bell Potash Mixture will be found especially adapted and at a price within reach of all. It will also build up the land permanently and its effects will be seen for years. For all early truck crops use our Golden Crown, Sweepstakes and Wooldridge's Eclipse Animal Bone.

MOON'S PHASES.

New Moon—The 1st, 8 o'clock 46 min., forenoon.
First Quarter—The 8th, 12 o'clock 34 min., morning.
Full Moon—The 15th, 2 o'clock 2 min., afternoon.
Last Quarter—The 23d, 6 o'clock 47 min., evening.
New Moon—The 30th, 8 o'clock 17 min., evening.

Conjectures of the Weather.

1, 2, cold rain; 3, 4, fair; 5 to 9, windy and frosty; 10, 11, 12, cloudy; 13, 14, 15, mild; 16, 17, variable; 18, 19, clear and cold; 20, 21, misty; 22, 23, 24, snow; 25, 26, cold; 27, 28, clear; 29, variable; 30, 31, snow.

LEAD ME, O LORD!

I do not ask, O Lord! that life may be
A pleasant road;
I do not ask that Thou wouldst take from me
Aught of this load.

I do not ask that flowers should always spring
Beneath my feet;
I know too well the poison and the sting
Of things too sweet.

For one thing, only, Lord, dear Lord, I plead—
Lead me aright,
Though strength should falter and though heart should bleed,
Through peace to light.

I do not ask my cross to understand,
My way to see;
Better in darkness just to feel Thy hand,
And follow Thee.

Joy is like restless day, but peace divine
Like quiet night;
Lead me, O Lord! till perfect day shall shine
Through peace to light.

THE OPENING YEAR.

Thee first and last, my God, my King,
The opening year Thy praise shall sing;
And while I tune my harp again,
My soul repeats her glad Amen.

I know not what may lie before,
I only see an open door;
I only feel a guiding hand
As duty answers love's command.

Better to me than open skies
That hope is veiled in dim surprise;
Each day unfolding from above
Some new, sweet mystery of Thy love.

What if my vision could command
The prospects of the opening land;
Would then my soul so closely cling
To Thee, my Father and my King?

Better my hand be still in Thine,
Be lost my will in will divine;
Where can a child so safe abide
As pressing to a Father's side?

Then, first and last, my God, my King,
The opening year Thy praise shall sing;
And each succeeding day shall be
A fresh memorial, Lord, to Thee.

—Francis Bottome, D. D., in "Songs from the Parsonage."

ANATOMY OF MAN'S BODY AS SAID TO BE GOVERNED BY THE TWELVE CONSTELLATIONS.

Arms, GEMINI.

Heart, LEO.

Reins, LIBRA.

Thighs, SAGITTARIUS.

Legs, AQUARIUS.

The Feet, PISCES.

The Head and Face, ARIES.

Neck, TAURUS.

Breast, CANCER.

Bowels, VIRGO.

Secrets, SCORPIO.

Knees, CAPRICORN.

A MESSAGE TO GARCIA.

When war broke out between Spain and the United States it was very necessary to communicate with the leader of the insurgents. Garcia was somewhere in the mountain fastnesses of Cuba—no one knew where. No mail or telegraph message could reach him. The President must secure his co-operation, and quickly.

How could he do it?

Some one said to the President: "There's a fellow by the name of Rowan, who will find Garcia for you, if anybody can."

Rowan was sent for and given a letter to be delivered to Garcia. How "the fellow by the name of Rowan" took the letter, sealed it up in an oil-skin pouch, strapped it over his heart, in four days landed by night off the coast of Cuba from an open boat, disappeared into the jungle, and in three weeks came out on the other side of the island, having traversed a hostile country on foot, and delivered his letter to Garcia, are things I have no special desire now to tell in detail.

The point I wish to make is this: McKinley gave Rowan a letter to be delivered to Garcia; Rowan took the letter and did not ask, "Where is he at?" By the Eternal! there is a man whose form should be cast in deathless bronze and the statue placed in every college of the land. It is not book-learning young men need, nor instruction about this and that, but a stiffening of the vertebrae which will cause them to be loyal to a trust reposed in them, to act promptly, to concentrate their energies, to do the thing—"Carry a message to Garcia!"

General Garcia is dead now, but there are other Garcias.

No man who has endeavored to carry out an enterprise where many hands were needed but has been well-nigh appalled by the imbecility of the average man—the inability or unwillingness to concentrate on a thing and do it.

Slipshod assistance, foolish inattention, dowdy indifference and half-hearted work seem the rule, and no man succeeds unless by hook or crook, or threat, he forces or bribes other men to assist him, or, mayhaps, God in His goodness performs a miracle and sends him an Angel of Light for an assistant. Do you, reader, put this matter to a test. You are siting now in your office. Six clerks are within call. Summon any one and make this request: "Please look in the encyclopedia and make a brief memorandum for me concerning the life of Correggio."

Will the clerk quietly say, "Yes, sir," and go do the task?

On your life, he will not. He will look at you out of a fishy eye and ask one or more of the following questions:

"Who was he?"

"Which encyclopedia?"

"Where is the encyclopedia?"

"Was I hired for that?"

"Don't you mean Bismarck?"

"What's the matter with Charlie doing it?"

"Is he dead?"

"Is there any hurry?"

"Shan't I bring you the book and let you look it up yourself?"

"What do you want to know for?"

And the chances are ten to one that after you have answered the questions, and explained how to find the information, and why you want it, the clerk will go off and get one of the other clerks to help him to find Garcia—and then come back and tell you there is no such man. Of course, I may be wrong, but, according to the law of average, I am not.

If you are wise, you will not bother to explain to your "assistant" that Correggio is indexed under the C's, not in the K's, but you will smile sweetly and say, "Never mind," and go look it up yourself.

This incapacity for independent action, this moral stupidity, this infirmity of the will, this unwillingness to cheerfully catch hold and lift, are the things that put pure socialism so far into the future. If men will not act for themselves, what will they do when the benefit of their effort is for all? A first mate with knotted club seems necessary, and the dread of getting "the bounce" Saturday night holds many a worker to his place.

Advertise for a stenographer, and nine out of ten who apply can neither spell nor punctuate—and do not think it necessary to.

Can such a one carry a letter to Garcia?

"You see that bookkeeper?" said the foreman to me in a large factory.

"Yes; what about him?"

"Well, he's a fine accountant, but if I'd send him up town on an errand he might accomplish the errand all right, and, on the other hand, might stop at four saloons on the way, and when he got to Main street, would forget what he had been set for."

Can such a man be entrusted to carry a message to Garcia?

We have recently been hearing much maudlin sympathy expressed for the "down-trodden denizens of the sweat-shop" and the "homeless wanderer searching for honest employment," and with it all often go many hard words for the men in power.

Nothing is said about the employer who grows old before his time in a vain attempt to get frowsy ne'er-do-wells to do intelligent work, and his long, patient striving with "help" that does nothing but loaf when his back is turned. In every store and factory there is a constant weeding-out process going on. The employer is constantly sending away "help" that have shown their incapacity to further the interests of the business, and others are being taken on. No matter how good times are, this sorting continues, only if times are hard and work is scarce the sorting is done finer—but out, and forever out, the incompetent and unworthy go. It is the survival of the fittest. Self-interest prompts every employer to keep the best—those who can carry messages to Garcia.

I know one man of really brilliant parts who has not the ability to manage a business of his own, yet who is absolutely worthless to anyone else, because he carries with him constantly the insane suspicion that his employer is oppressing or intending to oppress him. He cannot give orders, and he will not receive them. Should a message be given him to take to Garcia his answer would probably be, "Why don't you take it yourself?"

Last winter this man walked the streets, looking for work, the wind whistling through his threadbare coat. No one who knows him dares employ him, for he is a regular firebrand of discontent. He is impervious to reason, and the only thing that can impress him is the toe of a thick-soled No. 9 boot.

Of course, I know that one so morally deformed is no less to be pitied than a physical cripple, but in our pitying let us drop a tear for the men who are striving to carry on great enterprises, whose working hours are not limited by the whistle, and whose hair is fast turning white through the struggle to hold in line dowdy indifference, slipshod imbecility and the heartless ingratitude which, but for their enterprise, would be both hungry and homeless.

Have I put the matter too strongly? Possibly I have, but when all the world has gone a-slumming I wish to speak a word of sympathy for the man who succeeds—the man who, against great odds, has directed the efforts of others, and, having succeeded, finds there's nothing in it—nothing but bare board and clothes.

I have carried a dinner-pail and worked for day's wages, and I have also been an employer of labor, and I know there is something to be said on both sides. There is no excellence, per se, in poverty; rags are no recommendation, and all employers are not rapacious and high-handed any more than all poor men are virtuous.

My heart goes out to the man who does his work when the "boss" is away as well as when he is at home. And the man who, when given a letter for Garcia, quietly takes the missive without asking any idiotic question, and with no lurking intention of chucking it into the nearest sewer, or of doing aught else but deliver it, never gets "laid off," nor has to go on a strike for higher wages. Civilization is one long anxious search for just such individuals. Anything such a man asks shall be granted; his kind is so rare that no employer can afford to let him go. He is wanted in every city, town and village—in every office, shop, store and factory. The world cries out for such; he is needed, and needed badly—the man who can carry a message to Garcia.—Selected.

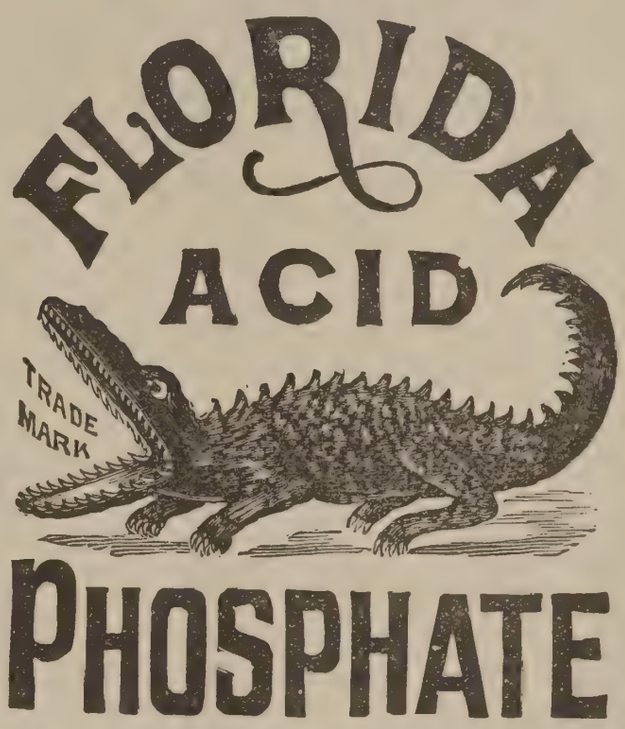
JAMES A. ARNOLD, Dido, King George Co., Va., Nov. 6, 1899, says: I can now add another year's experience that I have had to the three years I have heretofore reported to you in the use and sale to others of your Fertilizers in this section, and this additional experience enables me to say that I am now more pleased with them than I ever was before. As an evidence of the reputation your goods have here it is only necessary for me to say that my sales of them this year have been doubled over those of last year. Blood will tell every time. My present growing grass where your Fertilizers went is looking finely at this writing.

Mama—"Ethel, what do you mean by shouting in that disgraceful fashion? See how quiet Willie is.

Ethel—"Of course he's quiet; that's our game. He's papa coming home late and I'm you."

EDWARD H. BERRY, Somerville, Fauquier Co., Va., Nov. 13, 1899, says: In reference to my experience with your Fertilizers, I beg leave to say that while my use of them has not been extensive at all, the results I have obtained have been very satisfactory, a comparison of your Fertilizers with such other brands as I have used being in favor of yours.

WOOLDRIDGE'S



(Alligator Brand.)

As most of our customers know, we do not advise the use of Acid Phosphate of any grade as a general thing; on the other hand, we make a specialty of high-class Standard Dissolved Bone Fertilizers, and we believe that good farmers in the long run will find it much more profitable to use that class of goods on their own land.

In different portions of our territory, however, we find that there is more or less demand for a good article of Acid Phosphate, and in order to supply our customers with everything that they want we have arranged to furnish (in limited quantities) a superior article of Dissolved Florida Phosphate, which we are selling as low as some other parties are asking for inferior goods.

If a farmer is determined to use Acid Phosphate we believe that it will be to his pecuniary advantage to buy the best grade that he can get, rather than use something of an inferior quality because he can buy it at a lower price.

The guaranteed analysis of our Dissolved Florida Phosphate is over 14 per cent. available phosphoric acid, and it is always in the best possible condition for the immediate use of the farmer. It is made from first-class material, with clean acid, and is far superior to any *sludge acid goods sold.*

FEBRUARY, 2d Month.

Weeks and Days.	Remarkable Days.	Moon south. h. m.	Moon r. & s. h. m.	Moon's pl. noon. sig. deg.	Aspects of Planets, and other miscellaneous matter.	Sun slo. m.	Sun rises. h. m.	Sun sets. h. m.	O.style.
Thurs.	1 Ignatius	1 41	7 46	♒ 14	☌☿☽ Aquarri.	14	6 59	5 1	19
Friday	2 *Candlemas*	2 34	8 57	♒ 27	☌☿☽. ☿ sets 8 1.	14	6 58	5 2	20
Saturd.	3 Blasius	3 27	10 12	♓ 10	☌☿♂. Castor south 10 34.	14	6 57	5 3	21
5	*5th Sunday after Epiphany.*		*Matt.* 13.		*Day's length* 10 *hours* 8 *min.*				
Sunday	4 Gilbert	4 19	11 22	♓ 20	Denebola south 2 46.	14	6 56	5 4	22
Mond.	5 Agatha	5 12	morn.	♈ 4	☽ ♃ rises 2 36.	14	6 55	5 5	23
Tuesd.	6 Dorothy	6 6	1 37	♈ 16	6. 7* south 6 28.	14	6 54	5 6	24
Wedn.	7 Richard	7 0	2 9	♈ 28	♄ rises 4 18.	14	6 53	5 7	25
Thurs.	8 Solomon	7 53	3 5	♉ 9	☿ gr Hel. Lat. S.	14	6 52	5 8	26
Friday	9 Appollonia	8 45	3 56	♉ 21	☌♆☽. ☌☿☉ super'r. ☽ in ♍	14	6 51	5 9	27
Saturd.	10 Scholastica	9 36	4 41	♊ 4	☿ sets 8 24. ☾	14	6 49	5 11	28
6	*Septuagesima Sunday.*		*Matt.* 20.		*Day's length* 10 *hours* 24 *min.*				
Sunday	11 Euphrosina	10 24	5 18	♊ 16	Spica south 3 58.	14	6 48	5 12	29
Mond.	12 *Lincoln b.*	11 9	5 52	♊ 29	Antares rises 3 14.	14	6 47	5 13	30
Tuesd.	13 Lesin	11 52	6 24	♋ 12	Andromeda s. 10 1.	14	6 46	5 14	31
Wedn.	14 *Valentine*	morn.	☽rises	♋ 25	14. ♄ rises 3 48.	14	6 45	5 15	*Feb.*
Thurs.	15 Faustinus	12 34	7 3	♌ 9	☽ in apo. Procyon so. 9 56	14	6 43	5 17	
Friday	16 Juliana	1 16	7 59	♌ 23	♃ rises 1 59.	14	6 42	5 18	3
Saturd.	17 Constantine	1 56	8 57	♎ 7	☿ sets 8 30.	14	6 40	5 20	4
7	*Sexagesima Sunday.*		*Luke* 8.		*Day's length* 10 *hours* 42 *min.*				
Sunday	18 Concordia	2 38	9 56	♎ 21	Regulus south 11 50.	14	6 39	5 21	5
Mond.	19 Susanna	3 20	10 55	♏ 6	Sirius so. 8 28. ☉ ents. ♑	14	6 38	5 22	6
Tuesd.	20 Eucharius	4 5	11 55	♏ 20	Orion south 7 36.	14	6 37	5 23	7
Wedn.	21 Eleonora	4 53	morn.	♐ 4	7* sets 12 54. [☌♃☽	14	6 36	5 24	8
Thurs.	22 *Washing'n b.*	5 44	12 49	♐ 18	22. ♂ gr. Hel. Lat. S.	14	6 34	5 26	9
Friday	23 Serenus	6 38	1 58	♑ 2	☽ in ♌. ☌♅☽. ♃ rises ♈ 33 ☾	13	6 33	5 27	10
Saturd.	24 *Matthias*	7 34	2 59	♑ 16	☌♄☽. ♄ rises 3 17.	13	6 32	5 28	11
8	*Quinquagesima Sunday.*		*Luke* 18.		*Day's length* 10 *hours* 58 *min.*				
Sunday	25 Victor	8 32	4 4	♑ 29	☿ sets 8 56.	13	6 31	5 29	12
Mond.	26 Jeremiah	9 30	4 48	♒ 13	Pollux south 9 11.	13	6 29	5 31	13
Tuesd.	27 *Shrove Tue.*	10 27	5 28	♒ 26	☿ in ♌. ☿ in ♌. [8 16.	13	6 28	5 32	14
Wedn.	28 *Ash Wedn.*	11 23	6 2	♑ 9	□♃☉. ☌♂☽. Arctur. ris.	13	6 27	5 33	15

If you have not already applied our Liberty Bell Potash Mixture on your meadows, mowing fields and for corn, do so this month whenever the land is clear of snow. For grass and corn it will be found one of the most effective fertilizers now in use. Put on our Golden Crown, Sweepstakes and Eclipse Animal Bone for your early truck crops. For potatoes our Special Potato Manure will be found a very effective fertilizer. Use Wooldridge's Eclipse on plant beds of all kinds, it is equal to Peruvian Guano and will grow strong, healthy plants.

MOON'S PHASES.

First Quarter—The 6th, 11 o'clock 18 min., forenoon.
Full Moon—The 14th, 8 o'clock 45 min., forenoon.
Last Quarter—The 22d, 11 o'clock 39 min., forenoon.

Conjectures of the Weather.

1, 2, fair and cold; 3, 4, 5, cloudy; 6, 7, windy; 8, 9, 10, snow; 11, 12, clear; 13, misty; 14, 15, rain; 16 to 19, clear and cold; 20, 21, 22, windy; 23, 24, variable; 25, 26, 27, milder; 28, fair.

THE BUMBLEBEE.

You better not fool with a bumblebee!
Ef you don't think they can sting—you'll see!
They're lazy to look at, an' kind o' go
Buzzin' and bummin' aroun' so slow,
An' ac' so slouchy an' all fagged out,
Danglin' their legs as they drone about
The hollyhawks 'at they can't climb in
'Ithout ist a-tumblin-up out ag'in!
Wunst I watched one climb clean 'way
In a jimson-blossom, I did, one day—
An' I ist grabbed it—an' nen let go—
An' "Ooh-ooh! Honey! I told ye so!"
Says The Raggedy Man; an' he ist run
An' pullt out the stinger, an' don't laugh none,
An' says: "They has be'n folks, I guess,
'At thought I wuz prejudust, more er less—
Yit I still muntain 'at a bumblebee
Wears out his welcome too quick fer me!"

MESSRS. S. J. COOPER & SON, Wicomico Co., Md., Nov. 12, 1898, say: We have been using and selling your Fertilizers of the different brands for a long number of years, and they have always given us and our customers perfect satisfaction in their results, so far as we know, with only one or two exceptions. We can, therefore, always recommend your Fertilizers to our trade with the utmost confidence in their ability to render the most satisfactory service wherever used.

Messrs. Cooper & Son write again, Oct. 30, 1899: After another year's experience in the use and sale of your different brands of Fertilizers we are only more confirmed in the opinion expressed to you in our letter of November 12, 1898, regarding their great agricultural virtues, and, as a further evidence of the correctness of our opinion and of the popularity of your Fertilizers in this section of the country, we herewith enclose you a few letters from some of our leading and well-known farmers, which speak for themselves. We heartily wish you continued success in the sale of these goods.

SOLITUDE.

Laugh, and the world laughs with you;
Weep, and you weep alone,
For the sad old earth must borrow its mirth,
But has trouble enough of its own.

Sing, and the hills will answer;
Sigh, it is lost on the air;
The echoes bound to a joyful sound,
But shrink from voicing care.

Rejoice, and men will seek you;
Grieve, and they turn and go;
They want full measure of all your pleasure,
But they do not need your woe.

Be glad, and your friends are many;
Be sad, and you lose them all—
There are none to decline your nectar'd wine,
But alone you must drink life's gall.

Feast, and your halls are crowded;
Fast, and the world goes by;
Succeed and give, and it helps you live,
But no man can help you die.

There is room in the halls of pleasure
For a large and lordly train,
But one by one we must all file on
Through the narrow aisles of pain.

—Ella Wheeler Wilcox.

SAML. B. SCHOCH, Chester Co., Pa., Oct. 25, 1899, says: I have been buying the Wooldridge Fertilizers from the agent at Kelton (Mr. Franklin G. Evans) and using them on my different crops now for several years, and they have always given me the very best results. In addition to farming, I am quite extensively engaged in the threshing of grain for the farmers of this section. I have been in that business for a number of years, and I find in threshing that wherever Wooldridge's Fertilizers have been used in the seeding the best results are realized. I have threshed at eighty different farms this year, and the very best yield I have threshed out was made from the use of the Wooldridge Fertilizers made by your company.

WOOLDRIDGE'S

(16x4)

Bone and Potash

In calling the attention of our patrons to our Bone and Potash goods (or 16x4, as it is more generally known among the Fertilizer trade) we wish to emphasize the fact that we have employed good reliable materials in its composition, and it can therefore be implicitly relied upon for satisfactory and effective work in the soil and on the crops for which it is designed. It will be found to be much more profitable for the farmer to use Bone and Potash than to use plain acid phosphate, although its cost is somewhat more, but as it possesses from 2 to 2½ per cent. of actual potash (equal to from 4 to 5 per cent. of sulphate of potash), with from 10 to 11 per cent. of available phosphoric acid, it will prove to be more of a Fertilizer, and not a mere stimulant, as the plain acid phosphate is. Bone and Potash will not only make a much better showing on the crops, but it will leave the soil strengthened and improved afterwards, instead of being exhausted, as in the case of the use of acid phosphate. For top-dressing permanent meadows, mowing fields or broadcast on land for corn after it has been prepared for planting, farmers in search of a reliable low-priced Fertilizer will find in Bone and Potash just what they need. We would most earnestly advise our farmer friends to use this brand of our goods instead of using only plain acid goods, as they will most assuredly be better satisfied and derive much more profit in results. Put on your lands the same money value to the acre of Bone and Potash that you are in the habit of putting on of acid phosphate and you will find that we are correct in our conclusions as to the relative value agriculturally of the two goods.

Put up in 167-pound bags (twelve bags to the ton). See that you get the GENUINE WOOLDRIDGE FERTILIZERS, which have the name, the Robert A. Wooldridge Company, on each bag.

A social philosopher remarks that a man with a quail-on-toast appetite and a beef-stew purse will never get rich.

CURED THE MULE.

The Washington Star gives a new recipe for curing a balky mule. From the incident which accompanies it, one would scarcely be encouraged to try it, especially if one ever expected to see the animal again, else there would be a sin against the poor beast in printing the story.

I was riding along a mountain road in East Kentucky, when I saw a mule running toward me with a swingletree dangling at his heels. With great difficulty I succeeded in getting out of his way, and he continued to go down the mountain at a lively pace.

About a mile farther on I saw two front wheels of a spring wagon, and a short distance away the other wheels and the wagon-box. I looked around to see if the driver had been hurt, but finding no one, I drove on. In a few minutes I met a man walking rather quickly down the road.

"Stranger," he asked, "did you see a mule down that road?"

"Yes."

"Did he hev a rag over his year?"

"I didn't see any."

"Waal, it's all right. I reckon 'e'll stop when 'e gits flustered out, an' I reckon 'e's cured."

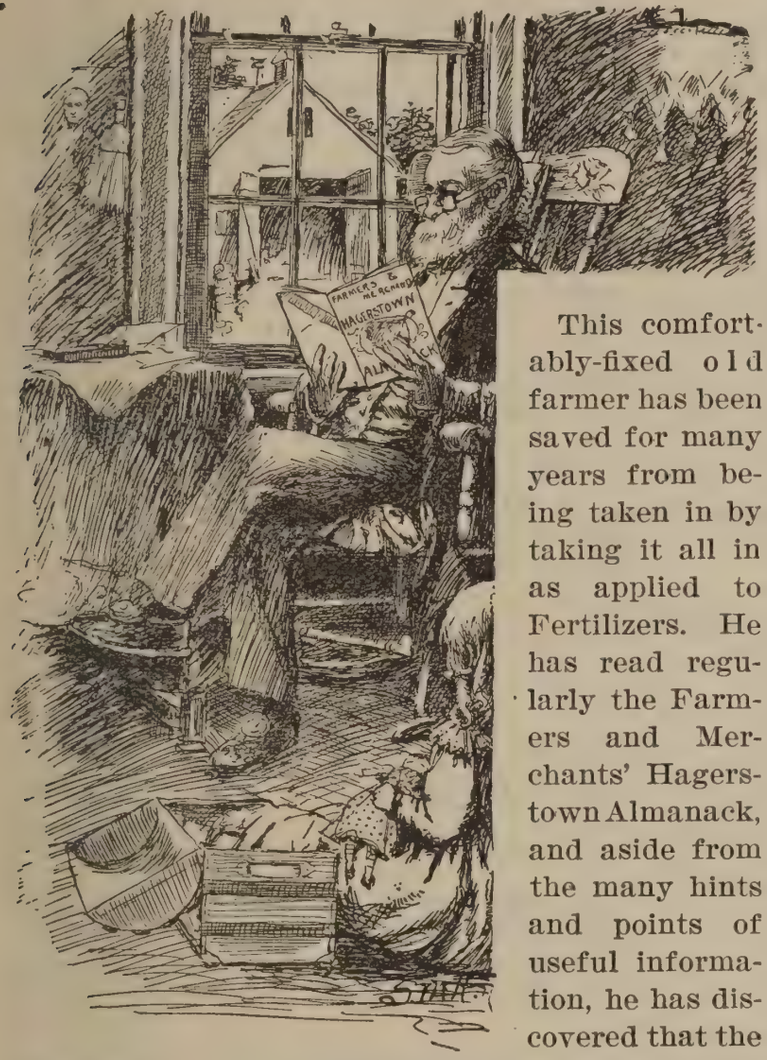
"What is he cured of?" I asked.

"Balkin'. You see, I heerd that a grasshopper put in th' year o' a hoss or mule 'd cure 'im from balkin'. So I tied a rag over the critter's year, so it couldn't git out, cotched a grasshopper, put 'im in, an', stranger, it's the best remedy I ever seed. Th' mule didn't give me no time to git in th' wagon. I never did see a mule so sprightly. I reckon th' hopper's got out now, an' I'll go an' cotch th' mule."

HENRY W. LONG, Carroll Co., Md., Nov. 15, 1898, says: I cannot praise too highly your "Liberty Bell" Potash Mixture. I used it on my potatoes this year, and, notwithstanding the fact that the potato crop in this section was a failure generally, my own was splendid, both in quantity and quality. Your goods seem to be first-class in every respect, and I shall certainly use them another year.

Mr. Long writes again, Oct. 26, 1899, and says: I used your "Liberty Bell" Potash Mixture again this year on potatoes, and it have grown me about 200 bushels to the acre of very fine quality. I put the "Chieftain" on my wheat last fall. I have not yet threshed out the crop, but estimate the yield at between twenty and twenty-five bushels to the acre, which is a good crop for the unfavorable season. I am very much pleased with your Fertilizers, especially your "Chieftain" brand for wheat and grass, and am recommending them confidently to my neighbors.

TAKING IT ALL IN.



This comfortably-fixed old farmer has been saved for many years from being taken in by taking it all in as applied to Fertilizers. He has read regularly the Farmers and Merchants' Hagerstown Almanack, and aside from the many hints and points of useful information, he has discovered that the experience of so many farmers in the use of the Genuine Wooldridge High-Class Fertilizers to be so like his own that his good opinions are being constantly strengthened and his purposes and plans for their larger use more firmly clinched.

P. S.—A word to the wise is sufficient.

A. M. HORNE, Alum Bank, Bedford Co., Pa., Nov. 4, 1899, says: I have been using your Fertilizers on my farm crops now for a number of years, and have therefore had a fair opportunity to test their true agricultural value, and I am more than ever pleased to say at this time that I am thoroughly satisfied with their results, and believe them to be unsurpassed in every respect. My latest use of these goods on wheat last fall has given me again most excellent results in the yield of grain. My crop yielded twenty bushels to the acre, which is considered a fine yield for the very thin lands of this section. I took twenty bushels of this wheat to mill a few days ago, and it weighed out twenty-one bushels and eight pounds. I find that all farmers who are using your Fertilizers here are well pleased with them.

WOOLDRIDGE'S

(16x4)

Bone and Potash

MANUFACTURED BY

THE ROBERT A. WOOLDRIDGE CO.

BALTIMORE, MD.

GUARANTEED ANALYSIS:

Phosphoric acid, available	10.00 to 11.00
Phosphoric acid, insoluble	1.00 to 2.00
Total phosphoric acid	11.00 to 13.00
Bone phosphate of lime	23.00 to 25.00
Potash (K_2O)	2.00 to 2.50
Equal to sulphate of potash	4.00 to 5.00

A certain member of Congress, noted for his long, dry speeches, on one occasion, in committee of the whole, having bored the members more than usual, said to Mr. Clay, who sat near him, in a low voice while pausing for a fresh start: "You speak for the present generation; I speak for posterity."

"Yes," replied Mr. Clay, "and you seem resolved to continue speaking till your audience arrives."

JOSEPH GASS, JR., Northumberland Co., Pa., Nov. 5, 1899, says: I have written you regularly every year since I have been using and selling your goods in this section, and I now wish to reaffirm all that I have ever heretofore said concerning their agricultural value. They have always done good work here, and are still doing it, and I have not heard one word of complaint from any one of my customers about them. On this year's crops your Fertilizers have again given their usual satisfactory results.

"Wesley," said his wife, sleepily, as the plaintive wail of the infant broke the stillness of the midnight hours, "Wesley, heed the advice of Kipling."

"What is that?" he grunted from beneath the coverlet.

"Take up the white man's burden."

E. F. ALLEN, York Co., Pa., Nov. 20, 1899, says: I am a constant user of the Robt. A. Wooldridge Co.'s Fertilizers of different brands; have been using them for some time back; have, therefore, had a good chance to fairly test their merits on the various crops of the farm. I have only to say that I regard these goods as honest and reliable in every respect. I am still using them, which is the very best proof in the world of my faith in them.

MARCH, 3d Month.

Weeks and Days.	Remarkable Days.	Moon south. h. m.	Moon r. & s. h. m.	Moon's pl. noon. sig. deg.	Aspects of Planets, and other miscellaneous matter.	Sun slo. m.	Sun rises. h. m.	Sun sets. h. m.	O. style.
Thurs.	1 St. David	Ev 18	☽ sets	♑ 22	1. ☽ in per.	12	6 25	5 35	16
Friday	2 Simplicius	1 12	7 43	♐ 5	♂☿☽. Antares ri. 8 56	12	6 24	5 36	17
Saturd.	3 Samuel	2 7	9 3	♐ 18	□♅☉. ♃ rises 1 6.	12	6 23	5 37	18
9	*1st Sunday in Lent.*		*Matt.* 4.		*Day's length* 11 *hours* 18 *min.*				
Sunday	4 Adrian	3 2	10 5	♐ 0	♂♀☽. ♀ sets 9 6. ☿ Perihe'n	12	6 21	5 39	19
Mond.	5 Frederick	3 57	11 22	♐ 12	♆ stationary.	12	6 20	5 40	20
Tuesd.	6 Fridolin	4 53	morn.	♐ 26	♄ rises 2 40.	11	6 19	5 41	21
Wedn.	7 Ember Day	5 48	12 59	♑ 0	Sirius sets 7 26. ☽ in ♉	11	6 17	5 43	22
Thurs.	8 Philemon	6 41	1 52	♑ 22	8. ☿ gr. Elong. E. ☿ sets 7 25. ♂♆☽	11	6 16	5 44	23
Friday	9 Prudentia	7 32	2 39	♒ 1	♃ rises 12 42.	11	6 15	5 45	24
Saturd.	10 Apolonius	8 21	3 29	♒ 14	Spica rises 8 20. ♍	10	6 13	5 47	25
10	*2d Sunday in Lent.*		*Matt.* 15.		*Day's length* 11 *hours* 36 *min.*				
Sunday	11 Julius	9 7	3 53	♒ 26	♀ sets 9 21.	10	6 12	5 48	26
Mond.	12 Gregory	9 57	4 22	♓ 7	7* sets 11 48.	10	6 11	5 49	27
Tuesd.	13 Macedon	10 33	4 53	♓ 20	♄ rises 2 15. [station'y.	9	6 10	5 50	28
Wedn.	14 Zachariah	11 14	5 17	♈ 4	☿ gr. Hel. Lat. N. ☽ in apo. ☿	9	6 8	5 52	*Mar.*
Thurs.	15 Christopher	11 55	5 46	♈ 18	□♆☉. ♃ rises 12 20	9	6 7	5 53	
Friday	16 Cyprianus	morn.	☽ rises	♉ 2	16. Pollux so. 8 0.	9	6 5	5 55	3
Saturd.	17 *St. Patrick*	12 37	7 48	♉ 16	♅ stationary. Aldebaran sets 11 37.	8	6 4	5 56	4
11	*3d Sunday in Lent.*		*Luke* 11.		*Day's length* 11 *hours* 54 *min.*				
Sunday	18 Anshelmus	1 19	8 52	♋ 1	♂ in Perihelion.	8	6 3	5 57	5
Mond.	19 *St. Joseph*	2 4	9 57	♋ 16	♀ sets 9 37.	8	6 2	5 58	6
Tuesd.	20 Matrona	2 51	10 47	♌ 0	☉ enters ♈. Spring commences. D & N. equal.	7	6 0	6 0	7
Wedn.	21 Benedict	3 40	11 36	♌ 15	Denebola south 11 45.	7	5 59	6 1	8
Thurs.	22 Paulina	4 32	morn.	♌ 29	♂♆☽. ♂♅☽. ♆ rises 11 54. ☽ in ♊.	7	5 57	6 3	9
Friday	23 Alphonsus	5 26	12 54	♍ 13	Rigel sets 10 30. [☾	7	5 56	6 4	10
Saturd.	24 Gabriel	6 21	1 57	♍ 26	24. ♂♄☽. ♂☿☉ inf'r.	6	5 55	6 5	11
12	*4th Sunday in Lent*		*John* 6.		*Day's length* 12 *hours* 14 *min.*				
Sunday	25 *Ann. V. M.*	7 17	2 38	♎ 9	□♄☉. ♄ rises 1 29.	6	5 53	6 7	12
Mond.	26 Emanuel	8 12	3 17	♎ 23	Regulus south 9 37.	6	5 52	6 8	13
Tuesd.	27 Gustavus	9 7	3 55	♏ 6	♆ stationary. Alphacca south 3 13.	5	5 51	6 9	14
Wedn.	28 Gideon	10 1	4 30	♏ 19	♆ rises 11 31. [rises 5 20.	5	5 49	6 11	15
Thurs.	29 Eustasius	10 55	5 4	♐ 2	☽ in per. ♂♂☽. ♂	5	5 48	6 12	16
Friday	30 Guido	11 49	☽ sets	♐ 14	30. ♂☿☽.	4	5 47	6 13	17
Saturd.	31 Detlaus	Ev 45	7 45	♐ 26	♀ sets 10 2.	4	5 45	6 15	18

You can still apply our Liberty Bell Potash Mixture for your coming corn or grass crop as before directed, and if oats be sown during this month use Liberty Bell Potash Mixture or Little Giant, as there is nothing better for this purpose. Apply our Golden Crown and Sweepstakes on your early truck, and if potato planting use Sweepstakes, Special Potato Manure or Triumph, as they are all rich in potash, which potatoes so much require. Use Wooldridge's Eclipse on plant beds of all kinds, it is equal to Peruvian Guano and will grow strong, healthy plants.

MOON'S PHASES.

New Moon—The 1st, 6 o'clock 20 min., morning.
First Quarter—The 8th, 12 o'clock 29 min., morning.
Full Moon—The 16th, 3 o'clock 6 min., morning.
Last Quarter—The 24th, 12 o'clock 31 min., morning.
New Moon—The 30th, 3 o'clock 25 min., evening.

Conjectures of the Weather.

1 to 4, stormy and cold; 5, 6, 7, variable; 8, 9, 10, cloudy; 11, 12, 13, frosty; 14, 15, clear and cold; 16, 17, snow; 18, 19, windy; 20, 21, 22, mild; 23, 24, 25, mostly fair; 26, 27, misty; 28, 29, rainy; 30, 31, fair and mild.

WHICH ARE YOU?

There are two kinds of people on earth today—
Just two kinds of people—no more, I say.

Not the sinner and saint—for 'tis well understood
The good are half bad, and the bad are half good;

Not the rich and the poor—for to count a man's wealth
You must first know the state of his conscience and health;

Not the humble and proud—for, in life's little span,
Who puts on vain airs is not counted a man;

Not the happy and sad—for the swift-flying years
Bring each man his laughter and each man his tears.

No! the two kinds of people on earth that I mean
Are the people who lift and the people who lean.

Wherever you go you will find the world's masses
Are always divided in just these two classes.

And, oddly enough, you will find, too I, ween,
There is only one lifter to twenty who lean.

In what class are you? Are you easing the load
Of overtaxed lifters who toil down the road?

Or are you a leaner, who let others bear
Your portion of labor, and worry, and care?

—Ella Wheeler Wilcox in Harper's Weekly.

L. D. WATKINS, Montgomery Co., Md., Oct. 30, 1899, says: I have been using your different brands of Fertilizers, as you know, for a long number of years. I have put them on my corn, wheat, tobacco and, in fact, on all the crops grown on the farm, and during all that time I can say that they have given me satisfaction in results. I have tested them beside other higher-priced Fertilizers, and none of them has ever beaten yours yet. I have therefore ceased to use any others but yours, and shall confine myself to them in the future.

A PLUMP LITTLE FOOT.

A plump little foot as white as the snow,
Belonging to rollicking, frolicksome Joe,
In a little red sock, with a hole in the toe,
And a hole in the heel as well.

A trim little foot, in a trim little shoe,
Belonging to sixteen-year-old Miss Sue,
And looking as if it knew just what to do,
And do in a way that would tell.

A very large foot in a homely array,
Belonging to Peter, who follows the dray,
So big that it sometimes is in its own way,
And moves with the speed of a snail.

Ah! a very big thing is the human foot,
In dainty-made shoe or in clumsy boot,
So 'tis well there are various tastes to suit,
And that fashion can't always prevail.

The plump little foot, a beautiful sight,
And the trim little foot, so taper and slight,
And the very large foot, though much of a fright,
Are traveling all the same road.

And it matters but little how small or how great,
So they never grow weary of paths that are straight,
At last walk in at the golden gate
Of the city whose builder is God.

J. B. NORMAN, Voy, Prince William Co., Va., Nov. 16, 1899, says: I have been using your Fertilizers for the past three years on my crops of different kinds, and have gotten better results from them than any other brands I have ever before had any experience with. On my corn crops especially they pay me fully *double* to what any other Fertilizer has ever done. I am therefore convinced that your goods are the cheapest and best that I can get.

Uncle Backwoods—"I see it says here some of them New York banks have been doin' business for thirty years, and never closed their doors."

Mrs. Backwoods—"Dear me! how careless! I wonder anybody trusts 'em with their money."

J. F. SMITH, York Co., Pa., Nov. 18, 1899, says: I have used and am still using your Fertilizers right along on different crops, and am thoroughly pleased with the work they always do for me, and that is the very reason I continue to use them. I believe them to be honestly-made goods, and have no hesitancy in recommending them to other farmers.

JES HER WAY.

By Ruth McEnery Stuart.

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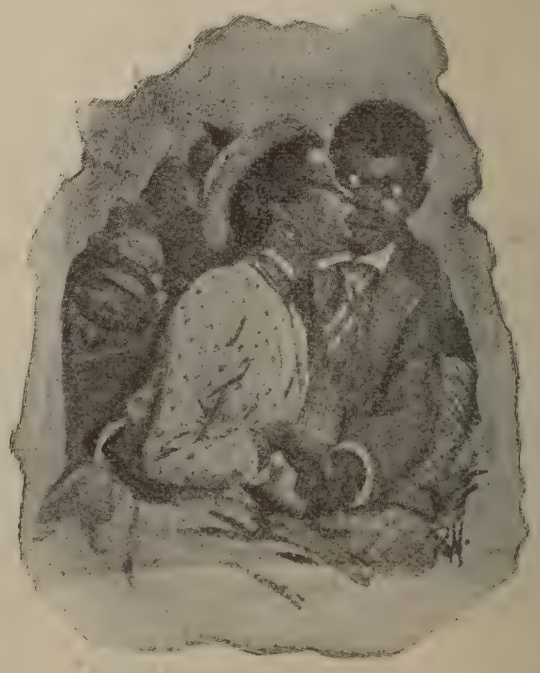
Oh, I love a litle widder, an' 'er name's Melindy Jane,
An' she love me lakwise also—so she say;
But you can't put no dependence on my lady 'Lindy Jane,
'Caze she talks to all de gen'lemen dat-a-way;
An' she ac's so misleadin',
An' she looks so pleadin',
But I don't keer what de high and mighties say,
Fer she don't mean to sin
When she tecks de fellers in,
'Caze it's only jes her way.

"She ac's so misleadin'."

When I see a stalk a sugar-cane a-swayin' in de breeze,
Noddin' "No," but wavin' "Come" wid all its tips,
It 'minds me o' my lady when she greets me wid a freeze,
While de love-words hangs a-trimblin' on 'er lips.
Oh, she's cold as December,
An' she's warm as September,
Or she's off an' on jes like a April day;
But to figgurfy de munts,
She'll perform 'em all at once,
But it's only jes her way.

"When she greets me wid a freeze."

Dey's o' purty gals a plenty, down a-hoein' in de cane;
Twenty of 'em I could marry any day;
But I'd ruther be fooled by my lady 'Lindy Jane,
Jes to rake by 'er side in de hay,
When she rake so keerless,
An' she flirt so fearless,
When she drawin' fer 'er labor by de day;
But she don't mean no harm
When she swindles on de farm,
'Caze it's only jes her way.



"An' she flirts so fearless."

When she crouches on de mo'ners' bench wid sinners seekin' grace,
An' she whispers to me, "Hol' me, lest I fall!"
I sustains 'er sinkin' sperit wid my arm aroun' 'er wais',
An' I hopes she'll be de las' to git de call.
But I nuver holds 'er long,
'Fo' she busts into song—
She kin git a call fer glory any day;
An' she dances back to sin
When de fiddle-notes begin,
But it's only jes her way.

"An' she dances back to sin."

She's a mighty scrumptious lady when you meet her on de block
Gwine to chu'ch in all 'er secon'-handed clo'es;
But I'd ruther set beside 'er in 'er cotton-pickin' frock,
When she gethers clover blossoms wid 'er toes.
She's a saint, an' she's a sinner,
An' she ain't no new beginner
When it comes to mixin' 'ligion up wid play;
But de devil couldn't tame 'er,
An' I doubt ef Gord 'll blame 'er,
'Caze *He* made 'er jes day way.

I'ain't got but one objection to my lady 'Lindy Jane;
It's her widderhood I hates wid all my might;
So we argufies de topic, holdin' hands along de lane,
While I begs to kyore 'er only fault in sight;
An' my courage comes a-floodin'
('Caze she always marries sudden),
An' I coaxes 'er to settle it *today*,
But she answers wid a titter
Dat I needn't 'spec' to git 'er;
But dat's only jes her way.

"When she gethers clover blossoms wid 'er toes."

JUDGE SOLOMON F. KIRWAN, Dorchester Co., Md., Dec. 2, 1898, says: I have been using the Genuine Robt. A. Wooldridge Fertilizers for some fifteen year or more on my different farms on the various crops that I have grown, and they have always given me entire satisfaction in their results. During that time I have tested them by the side of other good-grade Fertilizers, but have found yours as good and, in many instances superior to the majority of them. On my home farm we used your "Liberty Bell" Potash Mixture this fall on the wheat-seeding, and at this time the young growth is looking very well, and with a favorable season I confidently look for a good yield in the coming crop. I have great confidence in the merits of your Fertilizers, and expect to coninue their use.

Judge Kirwan writes again, Oct. 14, 1899: It gives me much pleasure to be able to adhere to my former opinion respecting the good qualities of your Fertilizers. They have always given me satisfaction in their use, and I have invariably found them fully the equal of any, and much superior to many others now on the market. I can, therefore, recommend them to other farmers after my long experience with them, and I most cordially wish you continued success in the future sale of them.

APRIL, 4th Month.

Weeks and Days.	Remarkable Days.	Moon south. h. m.	Moon r. & s. h. m.	Moon's pl. noon. sig. deg.	Aspects of Planets, and other miscellaneous matter.	Sun slo. m.	Sun rises. h. m.	Sun sets. h. m.	O.style.
13	*5th Sunday in Lent.*				*John* 8. *Day's length* 21 *hours* 32 *min.*				
Sunday	1 *Theodore*	1 41	9 1	♉ 8	♄ rises 1 4.	4	5 44	6 16	19
Mond.	2 *Theodosia*	2 39	10 11	♉ 20	☿ in Perihelion. ☌☿☽.	4	5 43	6 17	20
Tuesd.	3 Ferdinand	3 36	11 13	♊ 2	☌☿♂. Denebola so. 10 54.	3	5 41	6 19	21
Wedn.	4 Ambrose	4 32	morn.	♊ 13	☌♆☽. ♃ rises 11 3. ☽ in ♍	3	5 40	6 20	22
Thurs.	5 Maximus	5 26	12 46	♊ 25	♂ rises 5 1.	3	5 39	6 21	23
Friday	6 Celestinus	6 16	1 36	♋ 7	6. ☿ stationary. ☾	2	5 38	6 22	24
Saturd.	7 Aaron	7 4	1 56	♋ 19	☿ in ♍. Sir's so. 10 38	2	5 37	6 23	25
14	*Palm Sunday.*				*Matt.* 21. *Day's length* 12 *hours* 50 *min.*				
Sunday	8 Dionysius	7 49	2 25	♌ 2	☿ sets 10 12.	1	5 35	6 25	26
Mond.	9 Eupsychius	8 31	2 51	♌ 15	♄ rises 12 34.	1	5 34	6 26	27
Tuesd.	10 Daniel	9 13	3 21	♌ 28	Regulus south 8 45.	1	5 33	6 27	28
Wedn.	11 Julius	9 54	3 48	♍ 12	☽ in apo. ♃ rises 10 34.	1	5 32	6 28	29
Thurs.	12 *Maund Th.*	10 35	4 12	♍ 26	♂ rises 4 52.	0	5 30	6 30	30
Friday	13 *Good Frid.*	11 17	4 39	♎ 10	Alphacca south 2 3.	0	5 29	6 31	31
Saturd.	14 Tiburtius	morn.	☽rises.	♎ 25	14. ♄ stationary.	Sun fast	5 28	6 32	Apr.
15	*Easter Sunday.*				*Mark* 16. *Day's length* 13 *hours* 6 *min.*				
Sunday	15 *Easter Sun.*	12 2	7 40	♏ 10	☿ sets 10 29.	0	5 27	6 33	2
Mond.	16 *Easter Mon.*	12 48	8 38	♏ 25	Rigel sets 9 3.	0	5 25	6 35	3
Tuesd.	17 Rudolph	1 37	9 38	♐ 10	☿ in Aphelion.	1	5 24	6 36	4
Wedn.	18 Æneas	2 29	10 36	♐ 25	☌♃☽. ♃ ris. 10 3. ☽ in ♌.	1	5 23	6 37	5
Thurs.	19 Anicetas	3 22	11 23	♑ 9	♂ rises 4 37. ☾	1	5 22	6 38	6
Friday	20 Sulpitius	4 16	morn.	♑ 23	☌♄☽. ♄ rises 11 49. [♑	1	5 21	6 39	7
Saturd.	21 Adularius	5 11	12 57	♒ 7	☿ gr. E long. W. ☿ ris. 4 25. ☉ ent	1	5 20	6 40	8
16	*1st Sunday after Easter.*				*John* 20. *Day's length* 13 *hours* 22 *min.*				
Sunday	22 Cajus	6 5	1 27	♒ 20	22. ☿ sets 10 38. ☾	2	5 19	6 41	9
Mond.	23 *St. George*	6 58	1 55	♓ 3	7* sets 9 5.	2	5 18	6 42	10
Tuesd.	24 Albertus	7 50	2 28	♓ 16	☿ gr. Hel. Lat. N.	2	5 16	6 44	11
Wedn.	25 *St. Mark, E.*	8 42	3 29	♓ 28	♃ rises 9 34.	2	5 14	6 46	12
Thurs.	26 Cletus	9 34	3 58	♈ 10	☽ in per. Vega south 7 4.	2	5 13	6 47	13
Friday	27 Anastasius	10 32	4 42	♈ 23	☌☿☽. ☌♂☽. ♂ rises 4 19.	3	5 12	6 48	14
Saturd.	28 Vitalis	11 24	5 31	♉ 4	☿ gr. Elong. E. 45° 36′	3	5 11	6 49	15
17	*2d Sunday after Easter.*				*John* 10. *Day's length* 13 *hours* 40 *min.*				
Sunday	29 Sybilla	Ev 21	☽ sets	♉ 16	29. ☿ sets 10 43. ☾	3	5 10	6 50	16
Mond.	30 Eutropius	1 19	8 45	♉ 28	☌☿♆. Spica so. 10 43	3	5 9	6 51	17

If your ground has been broken for corn without being manured broadcast, apply our Liberty Bell Potash Mixture and harrow it lightly. In planting corn a small quantity of our Triumph down the row or in the hill will be found very profitable in giving the young corn a vigorous start out of the way of the cut worm. Don't fail to top dress your mowing fields and meadows with Liberty Bell Potash Mixture. Use Old Sledge or Little Giant in your oat seeding. Use Golden Crown or Sweepstakes on all garden truck requiring rapid forcing, and for potatoes Sweepstakes, Special Potato Mixture and Triumph will be found especially effective.

MOON'S PHASES.

First Quarter—The 6th, 3 o'clock 49 min., afternoon.
Full Moon—The 14th, 7 o'clock 57 min., evening.
Last Quarter—The 22d, 9 o'clock 28 min., forenoon.
New Moon—The 29th, 12 o'clock 18 min., morning.

Conjectures of the Weather.

1, 2, 3, pleasant; 4, 5, rain; 6, 7, 8, mild; 9, 10, misty; 11, 12, warm; 13, 14, rain; 15, 16, windy; 17, 18, frosty; 19, 20, variable; 21, 22, cold rains; 23, 24, cold; 25, 26, 27, moderating; 28, 29, fair and pleasant; 30, variable.

COMFORTING EASTER BELLS.

Sweet is the comfort that the chimes
Are throbbing down upon my ear;
In pulsing beat of worldless rhymes—
Life and death,
Human breath,
Joy and pain,
Naught is vain,
For Christ is risen! Heaven is near!

If sorrows come, they also go;
If joys must fly, they reappear;
Still gladsome bells swing to and fro—
Life and death,
Human breath,
Joy and pain,
Naught is vain,
For Christ is risen! Heaven is near!

Then ring for joy, ye Easter bells,
That love divine has conquered fear!
Immortal hope your rhythm tells—
Life and death,
Human breath,
Joy and pain,
Naught is vain,
For Christ is risen! Heaven is near!

—Harper's Bazar.

P. L .CURRY, Braxton Co., W. Va., Nov. 7, 1899, says: I have been using and selling your High-Class Fertilizers for some years, and with much satisfaction in results. I find your goods specially adapted to the perfect development and maturity of the different cereal crops grown in our section, and they seem to suit our soil exactly. As an evidence of this condition and of the true merits of your Fertilizers there is an ever-increasing demand for them by the very best farmers of this section, and I have not heard one word of complaint from anyone who has used them, but all speak in the highest praise of their virtues.

AN EASTER HYMN.

I knew Thou wert coming, O Lord Divine,
I felt in the sunlight a softened shine,
And a murmur of welcome I thought I heard
In the ripple of brooks and the chirp of birds.

I knew Thou wert coming, O Love Divine,
To gather the world's heart up to Thine;
I knew the bonds of the rock-hewn grave
Were riven, that living Thy life might save.

But, blind and wayward, I could not see
Thou wert coming to dwell with me, e'en me!
And my heart, o'erburdened with care and sin,
Had no fair chambers to take Thee in.

Not one clean spot for Thy foot to tread,
Not one pure pillow to rest Thy head;
There was nothing to offer—no bread, no wine,
No oil of joy in this heart of mine.

And yet the light of Thy Kingly face
Illumined for Thyself a small, dark place;
And I crept to the spot by Thy smile made sweet,
And the tears came ready to wash Thy feet.

Now, let me come nearer, O Christ Divine,
Make in my soul for Thyself a shrine;
Cleanse till the desolate place shall be
Fit for a dwelling, dear Lord, for Thee.

Rear, if Thou wilt, a throne in my breast:
Reign—I will worship and serve my guest.
While Thou art in me, and in Thee I abide,
What end can there be to the Easter tide?

—May Lowe Dickenson.

JOSEPH O. KEMP, McDaniel, Talbot Co., Md., Nov. 5, 1899, says: I have been using several brands of your Fertilizers now for a number of years, and have no hesitation in saying, from my own experience, that I believe them to be first-class goods in every respect.

A newspaper, in noting the successful career of a venerable man who had just died, makes the startling statement that he "was born without a shilling in his pocket."

T. E. ENTERLINE, Schuylkill Co., Pa., Oct. 6, 1899, says: I have been handling your Fertilizers here and selling them to some of our best farmers, and they have all derived satisfaction from their use, and speak in the highest terms of them. I have not had one word of complaint concerning them, and as for myself, I will not handle any others but yours.

Liberty Bell

POTASH MIXTURE.

We desire to bring to the special attention of our friends and patrons generally this old and justly popular brand of strictly High-Grade Alkaline goods, which from its first introduction several years ago has rapidly and steadily grown in public favor, until today its sales are nearly as large as those of any other single brand which we sell. While "LIBERTY BELL" is not to be classed among what is termed complete Fertilizers, owing to the lack of ammonia, it is a very superior grade of goods, being rich in available phosphoric acid and actual potash, and is not to be placed among the low-grade bone and potash or other alkaline goods, most of which have only about one-third as much actual potash and less available phosphoric acid. The component parts of "LIBERTY BELL" are the very best of its grade. They are carefully selected and scientifically compounded in the best possible manner, and we do not hesitate to send it forth on its mission of *useful service to the farmer* with the full assurance that it will give entire satisfaction not only on the crop to which primarily applied, but will show itself in the beneficial after effects on the soil, thus fully attesting its great agricultural value. As a low-cost Fertilizer we are thoroughly satisfied that it is not surpassed by any other mixture on the market today. *We doubt very much whether it has an equal.* The numerous letters herein published from farmers who have used "LIBERTY BELL" on the various crops of the farm very fully justifies our good opinion concerning it. We have recently made a very decided improvement in the analysis of "LIBERTY BELL," *increasing both the available phosphoric acid and actual potash,* which will make it still more effective on the crops to which applied, and thus greatly increase its usefulness to the farmer. This, we are sure, will add still further to its popularity and more largely increase its sales.

We invite attention to the new, improved analysis, as well as to the numerous letters of commendation from farmers in all sections of our territory as to the satisfactory results obtained from the use of this grade of goods.

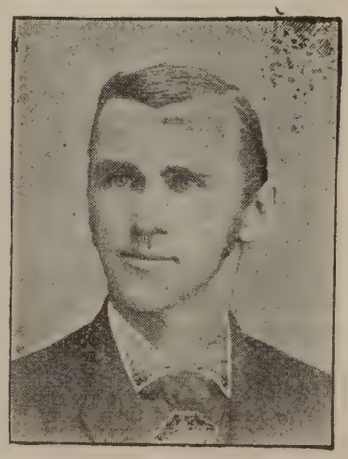
To all farmers who are disposed, in these hard times, to make a trial of something cheaper than our regular standard brands, we would say try "LIBERTY BELL" Potash Mixture. Use it in place of plain acid—*same money value to the acre.* It will do you much better service on both crops and land and you have less to buy and handle.

If used on wheat (especially on grass lands or over a dressing of manure) or on oats it will most surely give you satisfactory returns for the money invested.

It may also be used with the greatest profit on corn in place of farm manure, by being broadcasted after the land has been plowed and ready for a crop; also as a top-dressing at any time of year on mowing or permanent grass fields.

N. B.—If you want the Genuine Wooldridge goods see that our name and brand, "LIBERTY BELL," are on each sack. Look out for "Imitations" which are falsely represented as being *"the same as Wooldridge's"* in order to make sale of Fertilizers which probably would not sell so readily under the name of the real manufacturer. See that the name of "The Robert A. Wooldridge Company" is on each sack.

WM. H. PENNELL, Chester Co., Pa., Oct. 25, 1899, says: I have bought your Fertilizers for a number of years from your agent here at Kelton (Mr. Franklin G. Evans), and in their use have had a good test of their merits, which has been satisfactory. On my cornfield this year I top-dressed a part of it by hand right down the row, just as I would have done on potatoes. I used the "Liberty Bell" Potash Mixture, the corn being at the time of applying it about knee-high. The Fertilizer was harrowed in, and the result that followed was remarkable, and I could tell to the row where it had been sown, and more especially in the *finishing or earing-up work of the crop.*



"Have you read that article on how to tell a bad egg?"

"No, I haven't, but my advice would be, if you have anything important to tell a bad egg, why, break it gently."

WHAT HE LOST.

The following good speech is reported by the Chase City Progress to have been delivered at a recent temperance meeting:

"I have been thinking, since I came into the meeting tonight, about the losses I've met with since I signed the total abstinence pledge. I tell you there isn't a man in the society who has lost more by stopping drink than I have. Wait a bit till I tell you what I mean. There was a nice job of work to be done in the shop today, and the boss called for me.

" 'Give it to Law,' said he; 'he's the best hand in the shop.'

"Well, I told my wife at supper time, and she said:

" 'Why, Laurie, he used to call you the worst. You've lost your bad name, haven't you?'

" 'That's a fact, wife,' said I. 'And it ain't all I've lost in the last six months, either. I had poverty and wretchedness, and I lost them. I had an old ragged coat and a shockin' bad hat, and some waterproof boots that let the wet out at the toes as fast as they took it in at the heel. I've lost them. I had a red face, a trembling hand and a pair of shaky legs that gave me an awkward tumble now and then. I had a habit of cursing and swearing, and I've got rid of that. I had an aching head sometimes, and a heavy heart, and, worse than all the rest, a guilty conscience. Thank God, I've lost them all!'

"Then I told my wife what she had lost.

" 'You've had an old ragged gown, Mary,' said I, 'and you had trouble and sorrow and a poor, wretched home and plenty of heartaches, for you had a miserable drunkard for a husband. Mary, thank the Lord for all you and I have lost since I signed the temperance pledge!' "

SILAS OWENS, Wicomico Co., Md., Oct. 17, 1898, says: I have been using your Fertilizers for the past seven years, and I am free to say, after that long experience, that I cannot recommend them too highly. I used your "Liberty Bell" Potash Mixture and "Champion Giant" on corn this year, and am very much pleased with the yield. I also used your "Special Potato" Fertilizer on my potatoes, and had a fine yield of nice potatoes. I intend to continue the use of your Fertilizers just as long as you keep them up to their present high standard, and I would advise all other farmers to do likewise.

Mr. Owens writes again, Oct. 16, 1899, and says: I will write you again about my experience with your Fertilizer this year. I used your "Liberty Bell" Potash Mixture on my corn last spring, and it has given me an elegant crop of both corn and fodder, and I am therefore again greatly pleased with it. I want to say in this connection that I have a field on the farm from which I used to get fourteen stacks of fodder before I began using your Fertilizers. Now, with the use of them, I get twenty-nine stacks and *double the yield of corn.* With this experience do you wonder why I continue to use your brands?

A shoemaker had this card in his window: "Any respectable man, woman or child can have a fit in this shop."

MANUFACTURED BY

THE ROBERT A. WOOLDRIDGE CO.

BALTIMORE, MD.

GUARANTEED ANALYSIS:

Phosphoric acid, available	12.00 to 13.00
Phosphoric acid, insoluble	1.00 to 2.00
Total phosphoric acid	13.00 to 15.00
Bone phosphate of lime	28.00 to 30.00
Potash (K_2O)	3.00 to 3.50
Equal to sulphate of potash	6.00 to 7.00

"Won't you try the chicken soup, Judge?" asked Mrs. Small of her boarder, not noticing that he had gone beyond the soup stage in his dinner.

"I have tried it, madam," replied the judge; "the chicken has proved an alibi."

JEROME M. ENGLISH, Wicomico Co., Md., Oct. 25, 1899, says: I do not think that I can praise your "Liberty Bell" Potash Mixture too highly. I used it on corn this year, and it has given me splendid results in the yield. I have been using your Fertilizers now for the past four years—principally the "Liberty Bell"—and always with the most satisfactory results. I have used that same brand on my wheat this fall, and confidently look for a good crop if we have a favorable season.

MAY, 5th Month.

Weeks and Days.	Remarkable Days.	Moon south. h. m.	Moon r. & s. h. m.	Moon's pl. noon. sig. deg.	Aspects of Planets, and other miscellaneous matter.	Sun fast m.	Sun rises. h. m.	Sun sets. h. m.	O. style.
Tuesd.	1 *Philip & Ja.*	2 17	9 56	♊ 10	♃ rises 9 8. ☽ in ♉.	3	5 8	6 52	18
Wedn.	2 Sigismund	3 14	10 47	♊ 22	☌♆☽. ☌☿☽. ☿ sets 10 45.	3	5 7	6 53	19
Thurs.	3 *Inv. of Cross*	4 7	11 32	♋ 4	☌☿♂. 7* sets 7 25. ☾	3	5 6	6 54	20
Friday	4 Florianus	4 57	morn.	♋ 16	Arcturus south 11 19.	3	5 5	6 55	21
Saturd.	5 Godard	5 44	12 41	♋ 28	♂ rises 4 2.	3	5 4	6 56	22
18	*3d Sunday after Easter.*		*John* 16.		*Day's length* 13 *hours* 56 *min.*				
Sunday	6 Aggeus	6 28	1 11	♌ 10	6. ♄ rises 10 53.	4	5 2	6 58	23
Mond.	7 Domicilla	7 10	1 27	♌ 23	☿ gr. Hel. Lat. S.	4	5 1	6 59	24
Tuesd.	8 Stanislaus	7 51	1 47	♍ 6	☽ in apo. ♃ rises 8 39.	4	5 0	7 0	25
Wedn.	9 Job	8 32	2 16	♍ 20	☿ sets 10 46.	4	4 59	7 1	26
Thurs.	10 Gordianus	9 14	2 37	♎ 4	Antares rises 8 49.	4	4 58	7 2	27
Friday	11 Mamertus	9 57	3 7	♎ 18	Orion sets 9 2.	4	4 57	7 3	28
Saturd.	12 Pancratius	10 43	3 38	♏ 3	♂ rises 3 47.	4	4 56	7 4	29
19	*4th Sunday after Easter.*		*John* 16.		*Day's length* 14 *hours* 10 *min.*				
Sunday	13 Servatius	11 32	4 25	♏ 18	Libræ south 11 42.	4	4 55	7 5	30
Mond.	14 Christian	morn.	☽rises	♐ 4	14. Vega south 3 5.	4	4 54	7 6	*May* 1
Tuesd.	15 Sophia	12 23	8 30	♐ 17	☌♃☽. ☌♅☽. ♃ rises 8 10.	4	4 53	7 7	2
Wedn.	16 Peregrinus	1 17	9 26	♑ 4	☽ in ♌. Spica so. 9 40. ☽	4	4 53	7 7	3
Thurs.	17 Jodocus	2 12	10 13	♑ 18	☌♄☽. ♄ rises 10 2.	4	4 52	7 8	4
Friday	19 Liborius	3 7	10 58	♒ 3	☿ sets 10 42.	4	4 51	7 9	5
Saturd.	19 Prudentiana	4 1	11 36	♒ 16	♂ rises 3 31.	4	4 50	7 10	6
20	*5th Sunday after Easter.*		*John* 16.		*Day's length* 14 *hours* 22 *min.*				
Sunday	20 Torpetus	4 54	mron.	♓ 0	Algenib rises 11 16. [♊	4	4 49	7 11	7
Mond.	21 Prudence	5 46	12 34	♓ 13	21. Rigel sets 7 33. ☉ enters	4	4 48	7 12	8
Tuesd.	22 Helena	6 37	1 20	♓ 25	♃ rises 7 34.	4	4 48	7 12	9
Wedn.	23 Desiderius	7 27	1 52	♈ 8	♄ rises 9 33.	4	4 47	7 13	10
Thurs.	24 *Ascens. Day*	8 19	2 15	♈ 20	☽ in per. ☿ sets 10 34.	3	4 46	7 14	11
Friday	25 Urbanus	9 2	2 40	♉ 2	Castor sets 8 29.	3	4 46	7 14	12
Saturd.	26 Beda	10 7	3 23	♉ 14	☌♂☽. ☿ in ♌. ♂ rises 3 19.	3	4 45	7 15	13
21	*6th Sunday after Easter.*		*John* 15.		*Day's length* 14 *hours* 32 *min.*				
Sunday	27 Lucian	11 4	4 6	♊ 25	☍♃☉. ♄ ris. 9 17. [☽ in ♉	3	4 44	7 16	14
Mond.	28 Germanus	Ev 2	☽ sets	♋ 7	28. ☌☿☽. Pollux sets 11 9	3	4 43	7 17	15
Tuesd.	29 Maximilian	12 59	8 35	♋ 19	☌♆☽. ♃ rises 7 4.	3	4 42	7 18	16
Wedn.	30 Wigand	1 54	9 24	♌ 1	☌☿☉ superior. Regulus sets 12 17.	3	4 42	7 18	17
Thurs.	31 Manilius	2 47	10 1	♌ 13	☿ in Perihelion. ☌☿☽. ☾	3	4 41	7 19	18

Apply Liberty Bell Potash Mixture broadcast for your corn after the land has been prepared and harrow it in. Also top dress your grass with it. Use this brand, Old Sledge or Little Giant in your oat seeding. Truck crops cannot be better treated than by using our Golden Crown or Sweepstakes. Plant your melons with these brands or use our Double Quick. Put Triumph in the row or hill for corn. In planting out tobacco use Triumph or Double Quick, as they are both first class. Use Chieftain for sweet potatoes; it has no superior for that crop.

MOON'S PHASES.

First Quarter—The 6th, 8 o'clock 34 min., forenoon.
Full Moon—The 14th, 10 o'clock 32 min., forenoon.
Last Quarter—The 21st, 3 o'clock 25 min., afternoon.
New Moon—The 28th, 9 o'clock 44 min., forenoon.

Conjectures of the Weather.

1, 2, rain; 3, 4, warm; 5, 6, 7, clear; 8, 9, mild; 10, 11, 12, clear; 13, 14, showers; 15, 16, 17, pleasant; 18, 19, cloudy; 20, 21, variable; 22, 23, rain; 24, 25, 26, 27, clear; 28, 29, variable; 30, 31, rain.

Jupiter is in opposition with the Sun on the 27th and shines all night.

DAYS GONE BY.

Oh, the days gone by! Oh, the days gone by!
The apple in the orchard and the pathway through the rye;
The chirrup of the robin and the whistle of the quail,
As he piped across the meadows, sweet as any nightingale;
When the bloom was on the clover and the blue was in the sky,
And my happy heart brimmed over in the days gone by.

In the days gone by, when my naked feet were tripped
By the honeysuckle's tangles, where the water lilies dipped;
And the ripple of the river lipped the moss along the brink;
Where the placid-eyed and lazy-footed came to drink;
And the tilting snipe stood, fearless of the truant's wayward cry,
And the splashing of the swimmer in the days gone by.

Oh, the days gone by! Oh, the days gone by!
The music of the laughing lip, the luster of the eye;
The childish faith in fairies and Aladdin's magic ring;
The simple, soul-reposing, glad belief in everything,
When life was like a story, holding neither sob nor sigh,
In the olden, golden glory of the days gone by.

—James Whitcomb Riley.

A. E. MARKLE, York Co., Pa., Nov. 20, 1899, says: I have been handling your Fertilizers at this point for several seasons and selling them to the farmers of this community with a great deal of satisfaction, for the simple reason that they suit the people exactly, and I consequently never have any complaints from any of my customers about them, but, on the contrary, they are all well pleased with the results obtained from them. The farmers talk well of your Fertilizers everywhere about here, and a number of them have already ordered of me their supplies for next spring's use.

DOT FRITZEY.

I kin saw you, you shly leetle rascal,
A beekin' ad me drough dot shair;
Come here righd avay now and kiss me—
You doughd I don'd know you vas dere.
You all der dime hide from your fader,
Und subbose he can'd saw mit his eyes;
You vas goin' to fool me—eh, Fritzey—
Und gafe me a grade big surbrise?

Dot boy vas a reckular monkgey—
Dere vas noding so high he don'd glimb;
Und his mutter she says dot his drousers
Vants new bosoms in all der dime.
He vas shmard, dough, dot same leetle feller,
Und he sings all der vile like a lark,
From vonce he gids ub in der mornin',
Dill ve drofe him to bed afder dark.

He's der bissisest von in der fam'ly,
Und I bed you der louder he sings
He vas raisin' der dickens mit some von—
He vas ub do all manner of dings.
He vas beekin' away, dot young raskel,
Drough de shair—Holy Moses! vot's dot?
Dot young sun-of-a-gun mid a sceesors
Is cot all der dail off der cat!

—Oofty Gooft.

E. A. LIDEN, Smithville, Caroline Co., Md., Nov. 7, 1899, says: I have been using your High-Grade Florida Acid Phosphate, which I bought from your agent at Smithville, on wheat for the past two years at the rate of 300 pounds to the acre, and I am satisfied that the yield of grain in my crops has been fully as good as where higher-cost Fertilizers were used by other farmers in this neighborhood. I intend keeping on in the use of this brand of your goods as long as I can get it of such a high standard.

Mother—"How is it that you get so many bad marks at school?"

Litle Johnny—"Well, the teacher has got to mark somebody, or else folks will think she is not attending to her business."

NORMAN VANSEY, Sussex Co., Del., Nov. 10, 1899, says: I bought some of your "Liberty Bell" Potash Mixture last spring and used it as a top-dressing on my strawberry beds, and it did such good work for me and pleased me so well in its results that I have already ordered another ton of it to go on my strawberries for next year's crop, and hope and expect to have the same satisfactory experience with it.

MOODY AND THE ROWDY.

A few years ago, when Evangelist Moody was preaching in the slums of a large city, he was delayed in leaving the hall till late in the evening. The exit was in a back street, and as he left the building he found a number of roughs waiting to annoy him. As he walked along he heard them say, "Here he comes!" and they prepared to jostle him from the sidewalk. Going straight up to the ring-leader, Mr. Moody held out his overcoat, and with self-possession that commanded complete respect, said:

"My friend, won't you just help me on with this overcoat? I am not quite so active now as I was at your age, and some day, when you are as old as I am, I'll be glad to do you the same favor."

No bully was ever more completely taken back with surprise. He held the overcoat for the evangelist to get into it, and then thanking the young man for his aid, Mr. Moody went along unmolested.

W. J. SHAWN, Carmichael, Queen Anne's Co., Md., Dec. 2, 1899, says: I made a competitive test last fall with your "Liberty Bell" Potash Mixture on land for corn this spring alongside of two other kinds of Fertilizers of about the same cost. They were all three applied to an equal quantity of ground (four and one-half acres each) and the same quantity of Fertilizer (1100 pounds) used on each plot. The result was that where "Liberty Bell" went I realized eighty bushels of corn to the acre, and on the other two lots I got sixty-four and one-half and seventy-two bushels to the acre, respectively. I was so pleased with the fine effect of "Liberty Bell" in this instance that I increased my order for it this fall when I made my purchase of Fertilizer for use in seeding my wheat. I am very much and most favorably impressed with the agricultural value of "Liberty Bell."

Paddy Doolan went into a shop one day to buy eggs.

"What are eggs today?"

"Eggs are eggs today, Paddy," replied the shopman, looking quite triumphantly at two or three lady customers who happened to be in the shop.

"Faith, I'm glad to hear you say so," replied Paddy, "for the last ones I got here were chickens."

JACOB S. BRILLHART, Porters Sideling, York Co., Pa., Nov. 30, 1899, says: I used your "Liberty Bell" Potash Mixture on oats last spring, putting it on at the rate of 150 pounds to the acre. On two and five-eighths acres I realized 155 bushels of first-class oats, weighing thirty-five pounds to the bushel, an average of fifty-nine bushels to the acre. That is the best yield of oats I ever had, and the best one that was made in this section this year from any Fertilizer or manure that was used, as far as has been reported up to this time. I have used this same brand on wheat this fall, and shall use it again on next spring's crops. I can confidently recommend "Liberty Bell" to any farmer who may be looking for a reliable Fertilizer.

EMPTY POCKETS.

It is no very hard thing to be found in the condition of our friend in the picture. All any man has to do is to neglect his business and work with half-way or even poorer facilities. In the case of a farmer he has simply to neglect his land and use the cheap, common low-grade Fertilizers which are so freely exploited on their "names and brands" alone to find himself not only with empty pockets, but largely in debt. No farmer who uses the Genuine Wooldridge High-Class Fertilizers, good common horse sense and regular old-fashioned honest industry, *with elbow grease*, need to be hard up.

"The point of the matter is plain as can be;
These goods make the money for the farmers, you see."

H. H. ROANE, Gloucester Co., Va., Oct. 17, 1899, says: I have now been using your Fertilizers for the past three years, and I find that they not only produce finer crops than other Fertilizers I have used, but that they are also highly beneficial to the land in the way of permanent improvement. Among your different brands I esteem very highly your "Liberty Bell," which I consider a Fertilizer of most excellent qualities for a low-priced goods, and would especially recommend it to the attention of farmers generally. I wish you all the success you so richly merit in putting such excellent Fertilizers on the market for the farmer's use.

"A colored woman went to the pastor of her church the other day to complain of the conduct of her husband, who, she said, was a low-down, worthless, trifling nigger. After listening to a long recital of the delinquencies of her neglectful spouse and her efforts to correct them, the minister said: "Have you ever tried heaping coals of fire upon his head?"

"No," was the reply, "but I done tried hot water."

WON BY THE RABBI.

Jones was on his last legs. In fact, it was a matter of but a few days for him, so he sent for three ministers—a Presbyterian, a Methodist and a Jewish rabbi—and told them that if they each put $100 in his coffin he would leave them $5000 each in his will. He died shortly after, and the day after he was buried the Methodist minister met the Presbyterian and asked him if he had put his $100 in the casket.

"I did," said the Presbyterian minister.

"In what form did you put it in?" asked the Methodist minister.

"In five 20-dollar gold pieces."

"Well, you'll get your $5000."

"How did you put yours in?"

"I put in a crisp, new $100 bill."

"Well, you'll get your $5000, too."

Just then they saw the rabbi across the street, and they called him over, and asked him in what form he had put his $100 in the casket.

"I put in my check for $300 and took out the change."

S. M. TAYLOR, Kent Co., Del., Nov. 8, 1899, says: On the 20th of last January I bought of your agent one ton of your "Liberty Bell" Potash Mixture and drilled it on my land intended for corn in the spring, and as an experiment alongside of barnyard manure. I put the Fertilizer on at the rate of 300 pounds to the acre. Since I have gathered and husked out the crop I am fully satisfied that the corn from the "Liberty Bell" Fertilizer is the *best* and *largest eared*, and that it has paid me *better* than the manure has, which, by the way, would have cost me much more than the Fertilizer did if I had been obliged to buy it. I have already bought five tons of "Liberty Bell" to go on my next year's corn land, and shall put it on again during the coming winter. I have always found your different brands of goods entirely satisfactory wherever I have used them.

HENRY HOGGENS, York Co., Pa., Nov. 20, 1899, says: In the fall of last year your agent here (Mr. A. E. Markle) induced me to try just one bag of your "Liberty Bell" Potash Mixture on wheat to test its agricultural virtues. I did so, and with the most pleasing results at harvest time. In the spring of this year, being already convinced from the appearance of my growing wheat from the "Liberty Bell" that I had a good thing, I bought and used a ton of it on my corn. The result of the use of this ton was so completely satisfactory as to induce me to use four tons more of it on my wheat-seeding this fall, so you can judge by this what the strength of my faith is in "Liberty Bell" as a Fertilizer for grain crops. I honestly believe it to be one of the best Fertilizers now before the farmer for crops of that kind.

"Phwat's that noise, Miss Mullaly?"

"Mary Ann's practisin' the scales."

"Begorra, she must weigh a ton!"

THE BEAUTIFUL SNORE.

Oh, the snore, the beautiful snore,
Filling the chamber from ceiling to floor;
Over the coverlet, under the sheet,
From her dimpled chin to her pretty feet;
Now, rising aloft like a bee in June;
Now, sunk to the wail of a cracked bassoon;
Now, flute-like, subsiding, then rising again,
Is the beautiful snore of Eliza Jane.

JESSE A. McGEE, Carroll Co., Oct. 26, 1899, says: I tried your "Liberty Bell" Potash Mixture on Irish potatoes this year, and I have not been disappointed in the result. It has given me a very satisfactory crop, and I can heartily recommend it to all farmers who want a reliable, and at the same time low-priced, Fertilizer to grow potatoes with. I believe "Liberty Bell" will do it for them every time.

An exchange tells of the pitiful case of two young men, one of whom "has married a girl who can cook, and thinks she can play the piano," while the other "has married a girl who can play the piano, and thinks she can cook."

SAML. J. KIRWAN, Dorchester Co., Md., Nov. 23, 1899, says: I used your "Liberty Bell" Potash Mixture on my corn last spring, and its good results on that crop induced me to use it again this fall on my wheat-seeding. I also used some of your "Triumph" brand on wheat this fall, drilling in 200 pounds of it to the acre, and at this writing the young growth of wheat from both Fertilizers is looking remarkably well, and gives promise of a fine crop with anything like a fair season. I cheerfully recommend your Fertilizers to the farming public generally, and wish you great success in the sale of them, not only in this community, but everywhere else.

"He says he will stand on his record," said the politician.

"Well, he won't," replied the man who knew him.

"Why not?" demanded the politician.

"Because it won't hold him, and he's not a heavy man at that."

L. WILEY RICHARDSON, York Co., Pa., Nov. 18, 1899, says: I used your "Liberty Bell" Potash Mixture last spring on my corn, and it has grown me a splendid crop. I am indeed really surprised to find such grand corn on the land. I am satisfied that "Liberty Bell" is a splendid Fertilizer to grow corn with, and I propose to continue the use of it for that purpose.

JUNE, 6th Month.

Weeks and Days.	Remarkable Days.	Moon south. h. m.	Moon r. & s. h. m.	Moon's pl. noon. sig. deg.	Aspects of Planets, and other miscellaneous matter.	Sun fast m.	Sun rises. h. m.	Sun sets. h. m.	O. style.
Friday	1 Nicodemus	3 26	10 41	♋ 25	♂☿☉. ♀ gr. brilliancy.	2	4 41	7 19	19
Saturd.	2 Marcellus	4 21	11 12	♌ 7	♀ sets 10 15.	2	4 41	7 19	20
22	*Whit Sunday or Pentecost.*		*John* 14.		*Day's length* 14 *hours* 40 *min.*				
Sunday	3 *Whit Sund.*	5 5	11 48	♌ 20	♄ rises 8 47.	2	4 40	7 20	21
Mond.	4 *Whit Mond.*	5 47	morn.	♍ 2	♃ south 11 21. [10 14	2	4 39	7 21	22
Tuesd.	5 Bonifacius	6 28	12 30	♍ 15	5. ☽ in apo. Libræ so.	2	4 39	7 21	23
Wedn.	6 EMBER DAY	7 9	12 56	♍ 29	Alphacca south 10 28.	2	4 38	7 22	24
Thurs.	7 Robertus	7 52	1 24	♎ 13	♂☿♆. ♂ rises 2 55.	1	4 38	7 22	25
Friday	8 Medardus	8 36	1 50	♎ 27	Altair south 12 38.	1	4 37	7 23	26
Saturd.	9 Primus	9 23	2 12	♏ 12	♀ sets 9 49.	1	4 37	7 23	27
23	*Trinity Sunday.*		*John* 3.		*Day's length* 14 *hours* 46 *min.*				
Sunday	10 Flavius	10 14	2 49	♏ 26	☿ gr. Hel. Lat. N.	1	4 37	7 23	28
Mond	11 Barnabas	11 7	3 35	♐ 12	♂♃☽. ♃ so. 19 49. [☽ in ♋	1	4 36	7 24	29
Tuesd.	12 Basilides	morn.	☽rises	♐ 27	12. ♂♅☽. Castor sets 10 8.	0	4 36	7 24	30
Wedn.	13 Tobias	12 3	8 8	♑ 12	♂☿ Geminorum. ♂♄☽. ☾	0	4 36	7 24	31
Thurs.	14 *Corp. Chris.*	12 56	8 56	♑ 27	♄ rises 7 3.	Sun	4 35	7 25	*Jun.*
Friday	15 Vitus	1 55	9 38	♒ 11	♀ stationary.	slo	4 35	7 25	
Saturd.	16 Rolandus	2 53	10 16	♒ 25	♀ sets 9 24.	0	4 35	7 25	3
24	1*st Sunday after Trinity.*		*Luke* 16.		*Day's length* 14 *hours* 50 *min.*				
Sunday	17 Nicander	3 43	10 48	♓ 9	♂ rises 2 39. [so. 10 48.	1	4 35	7 25	4
Mond.	18 Arnolphus	4 34	11 19	♓ 22	☽ in per. ♂♆☉. Antares	1	4 35	7 25	5
Tuesd.	19 Gervasius	5 25	11 52	♈ 4	19. ♀ in ♋. Regulus sets 10 53.	1	4 35	7 25	6
Wedn.	20 Sylverius	6 15	morn.	♈ 17	♃ south 10 10.	1	4 35	7 25	7
Thurs.	21 Raphael	7 9	12 50	♈ 29	☉ enters ♋. Summer begins. Longest Day.	2	4 34	7 26	8
Friday	22 Achatius	8 0	1 33	♉ 11	♂☿♀. Procyon sets 7 48.	2	4 35	7 25	9
Saturd.	23 Agrippina	8 54	2 2	♉ 23	♂♄☉. ♀ sets 8 46.	2	4 35	7 25	10
25	2*d Sunday after Trinity.*		*Luke* 14.		*Day's length* 14 *hours* 50 *min.*				
Sunday	24 *John, Bapt.*	9 57	2 47	♊ 4	♂♂☽. ♂ rises 2 27.	2	4 35	7 25	11
Mond.	25 Elogius	10 47	3 42	♊ 16	7* rises 1 58. ☽ in ♋.	2	4 35	7 25	12
Tuesd.	26 Jeremiah	11 43	☽ sets	♊ 28	26. ♂♆☽. Andromeda rises 9 52.	3	4 35	7 25	13
Wedn.	27 7 Sleepers	Ev 37	7 59	♋ 10	♄ sets 4 29. ☾	3	4 35	7 25	14
Thurs.	28 Leo	12 27	8 38	♋ 22	♂♀☽. ♀ sets 8 12.	3	4 35	7 25	15
Friday	29 *Peter, Paul*	1 57	9 10	♌ 4	♂☿☽. Spica sets 12 9.	3	4 36	7 24	16
Saturd.	30 Pauli mem.	2 59	9 49	♌ 17	♃ sets 2 16.	3	4 36	7 24	17

Should corn planting from any cause be delayed use our Triumph broadcast or in the row or hill, as it will give you entire satisfaction in its results. You can always use Triumph, Double Quick or Sweepstakes on your tobacco. You cannot find anything better than these brands for the crop mentioned. In planting late potatoes be sure to use either Sweepstakes, Special Potato Mixture or Triumph if you desire complete success in the yield. For tomatoes, cabbages and garden truck generally our Triumph, Special Potato and Double Quick have no superiors. One trial will convince you of their great virtue.

MOON'S PHASES.

First Quarter—The 5th, 1 o'clock 53 min., morning.
Full Moon—The 12th, 10 o'clock 33 min., evening.
Last Quarter—The 19th, 7 o'clock 52 min., evening.
New Moon—The 26th, 8 o'clock 22 min., evening.

Conjectures of the Weather.

1, 2, 3, fair and cool; 4, 5, mild; 6, 7, rain; 8, 9, clear; 10, 11, warm; 12, 13, 14, fair; 15, 16, 17, variable; 18, 19, 20, rain; 21, 22, 23, fair and warm; 24, 25, clear; 26, 27, 28, thunder; 29, 30, fair.

Saturn is in opposition with the Sun on the 23d and shines all night.

DOES ANYONE CARE FOR FATHER?

Does anyone care for the father?
Does anyone think of the one
Upon whose tired, bent shoulders
The cares of the family come,
The father who strives for your comfort,
And toils from day unto day,
Although his steps ever grow slower,
And his dark locks are turning gray?

Does anyone think of the due-bills
He's called upon daily to pay?
Milliner bills, college bills, book bills—
There are some kind of bills every day.
Like a patient horse in a treadmill,
He works on from morning till night;
Does anyone think he is tired?
Does anyone make his home bright?

Is it right, just because he looks troubled,
To say he's cross as a bear?
Kind words, little actions and kindness
Might banish his burden of care.
'Tis for you he's ever so anxious,
He will toil for you while he may live;
In return he only asks kindness,
And such pay is easy to give.

—Selected.

DR. V. O. CARUTHERS, King George Co., Va., Nov. 4, 1899, says: I have been using your "Liberty Bell" Potash Mixture on my wheat crops for the past two years. My land on which it has been applied is very thin, but the Fertilizer has given me the most satisfactory results in yield of grain, and I am convinced that "Liberty Bell" is a good Fertilizer.

"A penny saved," said Uncle Eben, "is a penny earned. But dat ain't no 'scuse foh wastin' mo' time tryin' to dodge er expense of two bits dan it ud take ter git fo' dollars by workin'."

DAVID F. GREEN, Carroll Co., Md., Oct. 26, 1899, says: I used your "Liberty Bell" Potash Mixture on my potatoes in the spring of this year, and it has given me a yield of about 200 bushels to the acre of fine quality. I am consequently very much pleased with the Fertilizer.

QUEEN OF SCIENCE.

She can talk on evolution;
She can proffer a solution
For each problem that besets the modern brain
She can punish old Beethoven,
Or she dallies with De Koven
Till the neighbors file petitions and complain.

She can paint a crimson cowboy,
Or a purple-madder plowboy
That you do not comprehend, but must admire.
And in exercise athletic
It is really quite pathetic
To behold the young men round her droop and tire.

She is up in mathematics,
Engineering, hydrostatics,
In debate with her for quarter you will beg.
She has every trait that's charming,
With an intellect alarming;
Yet she cannot, oh, she cannot, fry an egg!

D. E. ENGLER, Carroll Co., Oct. 16, 1899, says: I have used two tons of your "Liberty Bell" Fertilizer on my wheat-seeding this fall, and am glad to say I was much pleased with its fine drilling condition and general appearance, and, from its well-known reputation, I shall look for grand results at harvest time if the season be a good one for the wheat crop.

"Yes," said Mr. Chugwater, "out in Colorado I've seen strawberries so big"—

Here Mrs. Chugwater gave him a warning glance.

"So big," he went on, "you couldn't eat more than a pint of them to save your life."

D. A. BERRY, King George Co., Va., Nov. 2, 1899, says: I have been using your "Liberty Bell" Potash Mixture now for the past two years on wheat, corn and grass, and on all of these crops it has done good and effective work for me, and I am exceedingly well pleased with the Fertilizer, and believe it to be good and reliable; can therefore recommend it for use by other farmers.

WOOLDRIDGE'S

Old Sledge

PHOSPHATE.

We call the especial attention of our friends and customers with much confidence to this new brand of ours which we have recently put on the market, and for which we predict a large sale as soon as it has been fully tested in the soil and its good qualities generally known. "OLD SLEDGE," while being the lowest in price of any of our complete ammoniated Fertilizers, is nevertheless made of the same high-grade material that characterizes the manufacture of all the brands of goods we make, no cheap shoddy stuff of any kind whatever being allowed in its manipulation, our aim being to give the farmer a low-priced ammoniated Fertilizer that could be thoroughly relied upon, and that would add to our well-known reputation for making first-class goods; in a word, to produce the very best goods that could possibly be made for its selling price. A glance at its analysis will, we think, satisfy any and all farmers of its power to do them good service at a low price, especially in the growing of all grain crops, as well as grass, while the material out of which it is composed insures permanency of effect in the soil beyond the growing of the immediate crop, for it must be borne in mind that durability is one of the leading characteristics of our entire line of Fertilizers. We place this new candidate for public favor before our farmer friends with the same degree of faith we have always had in the introduction of all our other brands, satisfied that it only requires a fair and impartial trial to convince every user of its agricultural value. Try it this coming season on your corn, oats, wheat and grass, thus prove its merits on your own soil, and we think you will continue to use it thereafter from the good results you will get.

"You don't mean to say that you wish your wife would turn into a pillar of salt?"

"Not exactly, but—"

"But what?"

"I wish she wasn't quite so peppery."

TOMMY WANTED TO KNOW.

Tommy and his mama were sitting in a seat near the middle of the car, waiting for the train to start.

Tommy's mother was a pronounced blonde, and her hair was very red.

Another lady entered the car, and took the seat immediately in front of Tommy and his mama. This lady, too, was a blonde, and there wasn't half a shade difference in the color of their hair.

Tommy looked at his mama's capillary adornment, and then at that of the other passenger, and asked:

"Mama, is that lady's hair as red as yours?"

"Hush, Tommy!"

"But is it?"

"Tommy, be still! The lady will hear you."

"Doesn't she know her hair is red?"

"Hush, I tell you!"

"Don't people like to have red hair?"

"Tommy, if you don't stop talking I'll have to spank you."

"But it ain't my fault people have red hair."

"Tommy, do you hear me?"

"Yes'm. Don't you suppose that woman has a husband who likes red hair as well as papa likes yours?"

"Tommy, will you stop?"

"Mama, I think hers is a little redder than yours."

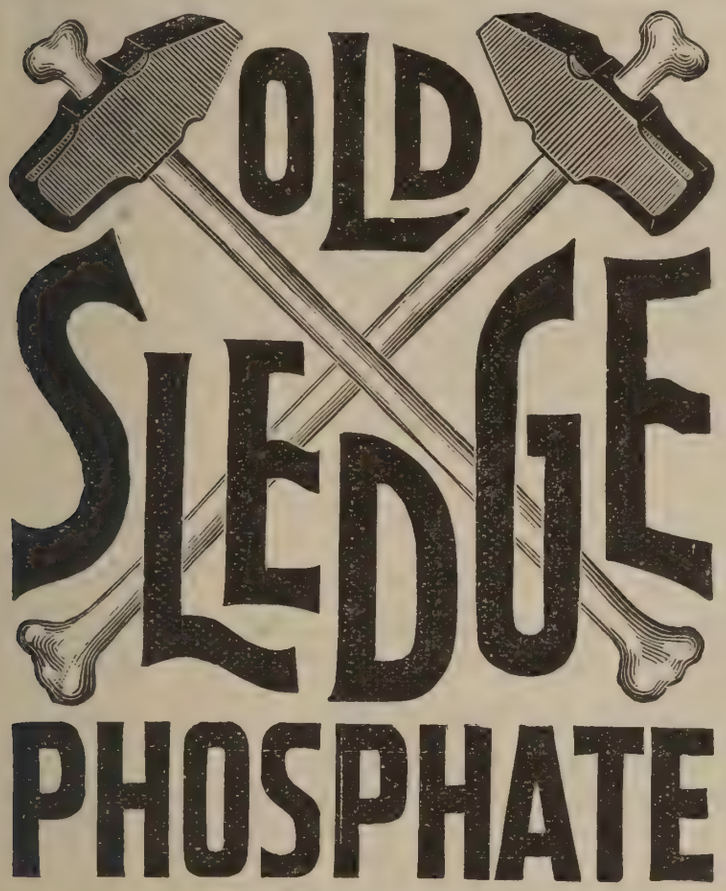
Tommy's mama grabbed him by the arm, and was hustling him down the aisle, when the object of his remarks turned around and disclosed a face much redder than her hair, as she observed:

"If that young scamp was my boy I'd give him away; and if I had as red hair as yours I'd take arsenic! So there!"—Puck.

WM. W. LINTHICUM, Church Creek, Dorchester Co., Md., Nov. 22, 1899, says: I used one ton of your "Old Sledge" Fertilizer on a six-acre piece of sedge land last spring, and put the land in corn, which was planted after the twentieth of June. It has done splendid work for me. I got from the six acres fifty-five barrels of first-class corn, besides a crop of fodder that more than paid the cost of the Fertilizer. I shall use this same goods again next spring, and can confidently recommend it to any farmer for use on his corn.

The other day in a Sunday-school class of boys between the ages of six and ten a question was asked as to how God punished Adam for disobeying him. There was silence for a moment or so, and then one bright boy said: "Please, sir, God took away one of his ribs and gave him a wife."

L. N. TODD, Caroline Co., Md., Nov. 6, 1899, says: I bought of your agent here last spring some of your "Old Sledge" Fertilizer, which I used in growing my sweet-potato crop, and I am pleased to say that it acted splendidly and gave me an excellent yield. It is certainly a good Fertilizer for sweet potatoes, and I propose to keep on with the use of it in the future.



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BALTIMORE, MD.

GUARANTEED ANALYSIS:

Ammonia (derived from high-grade tankage)	1.00	to	1.50
Potash (K_2O)	1.00	to	1.50
Equal to sulphate of potash	1.75	to	2.50
Phosphoric acid, available	8.00	to	9.00
Phosphoric acid, insoluble	1.00	to	2.00
Equal to bone phosphate of lime	18.00	to	20.00

JUDGE LEVI D. TRAVERS, Dorchester Co., Md., Nov. 2, 1899, says: The use of your different brands of Fertilizers in this locality the past spring on corn has, I believe, been entirely satisfactory. I bought for my tenants as well as others in this community your "Champion Giant," "Old Sledge" and "Liberty Bell" brands, and have not heard one word of complaint from any farmer who used them. I have both used and sold your Fertilizers for quite a number of years now, and my experience leads me to say that I think they will compare most favorably with any others now being sold to the farmer. I say this much after having tested the virtues of a good many other kinds on my farm crops.

Harry—"He married the girl I was engaged to."

Ernie—"Well, don't worry; you'll get over it before he does."

The wit of William M. Evarts was always celebrated, but occasionally he met more than his match, as witness this anecdote:

At a New England Society dinner some years ago, Mark Twain had just finished a piquant address, when Mr. Evarts arose, shoved both of his hands down into his trousers pockets, as was his habit, and laughingly remarked: "Doesn't it strike this company as a little unusual that a professional humorist should be funny?"

Mark Twain waited until the laughter excited by this sally had subsided, and then drawled out: "Doesn't it strike this company as a little unusual that a lawyer should have his hands in his own pockets?"

J. G. REED, Kent Co., Del., Nov. 9, 1899, says: I used several of your brands of Fertilizers this year on various crops that I have grown, and they have all given me complete satisfaction in results. I used your "Old Sledge" for the first time on tomatoes, and it has grown me the best crop I have ever raised from any Fertilizer. Where I used your "Liberty Bell" Potash Mixture broadcast on corn land and harrowed it in I have a very satisfactory crop. I can say the same thing as a result of my use of "Chieftain" on cabbage and potatoes. The "Champion Giant" brand was used on my raspberries, and I am convinced that there is nothing better for that purpose. On my grass crops I always use "Liberty Bell," and it never fails to bring the answer, and on a general line of early truck crops I have found in my experience that your "Triumph" brand is absolutely unsurpassed. I advise all farmers to use the Robt. A. Wooldridge Co.'s Fertilizers.

"How do you suppose that wonderful bird, the phoenix, ever caught fire?"

"Probably from a defective flew."

T. T. SMITH, Talbot Co., Md., Nov. 8, 1899, says: I have been using your "Liberty Bell" Potash Mixture for the past two years for corn, put on broadcast with a drill at the rate of 200 pounds to the acre. I have also used the same brand of your goods as a top-dressing on grass. On both of these crops it has given me most excellent results, and I can with much confidence recommend it to other farmers, as I certainly intend to continue the use of it myself, which is the best evidence in the world of my entire faith in it.

The Philadelphia Record has a new and undeserved slur at Chicago: "Gimme a piece of apple pie, quick," said a customer at a railway restaurant.

"Chicago or Boston?" asked the waiter.

"What do you mean?"

"Knife or fork?"

JOHN HOFF, Carroll Co., Md., Oct. 16, 1899, says: I used your "Old Sledge" Fertilizer in my wheat-seeding this fall, and at this writing the young growth is showing up very nicely. I found "Old Sledge" to be in fine drilling order and all right in every respect.

JULY, 7th Month.

Weeks and Days.	Remarkable Days.	Moon south. h. m.	Moon r. & s. h. m.	Moon's pl. noon. sig. deg.	Aspects of Planets, and other miscellaneous matter.	Sun slo m.	Sun rises. h. m.	Sun sets. h. m.	O.style.
26	*3d Sunday after Trinity.*				*Luke* 15. *Day's length* 14 *hours* 48 *min.*				
Sunday	1 Theobald	3 42	10 6	♑ 29	♂ rises 2 15.	4	4 36	7 24	18
Mond.	2 *Visit. V. M.*	4 23	10 35	♒ 12	⊕ in Aphelion.	4	4 36	7 24	19
Tuesd.	3 Cornelius	5 4	10 58	♒ 25	☽ in apo. ♄ sets 3 58.	4	4 37	7 23	20
Wedn.	4 *Indep. Day*	5 46	11 24	♎ 9	4. ☿ in ♍. ☿ gr. Elon. E. ☿ sets 8 36.	5	4 37	7 23	21
Thurs.	5 Demetrius	6 29	11 57	♎ 23	Wega south 11 37.	5	4 37	7 23	22
Friday	6 *John Huss*	7 15	morn.	♏ 7	Antares south 9 23.	5	4 38	7 22	23
Saturd.	7 Edelburga	8 3	12 59	♏ 21	♃ sets 1 45.	5	4 38	7 22	24
27	*4th Sunday after Trinity.*				*Luke* 6. *Day's length* 14 *hours* 42 *min.*				
Sunday	8 Aquilla	8 55	1 44	♐ 6	☌♀☉ infer'r. ☌♃☽.	5	4 39	7 21	25
Mond.	9 Zeno	9 50	2 22	♐ 21	☌♅☽. ♄ in Aphel'n. ☽ in ♌	5	4 39	7 21	26
Tuesd.	10 Israel	10 46	3 12	♑ 6	☌♄☽. ♄ sets 3 28.	5	4 40	7 20	27
Wedn.	11 Pius	11 43	4 10	♑ 20	♂ rises 2 0. Dog Days begin.	5	4 40	7 20	28
Thurs.	12 Henry	morn.	☽ rises	♒ 5	12. ♀ rises 4 30.	5	4 41	7 19	29
Friday	13 *Margaret*	12 40	8 14	♒ 20	Formalhault south 3 27.	6	4 41	7 19	30
Saturd.	14 Bonavent	1 35	8 49	♓ 4	☿ in Aphel'n. ♃ sets 1 15.	6	4 42	7 18	July
28	*5th Sunday after Trinity.*				*Luke* 5. *Day's length* 14 *hours* 34 *min.*				
Sunday	15 *Apostles' d.*	2 29	9 21	♓ 17	☽ in per. 7* rises 12 35.	6	4 43	7 17	2
Mond.	16 Hilary	3 21	9 54	♓ 29	♄ sets 3 3. [3 19.	6	4 43	7 17	3
Tuesd.	17 Alexius	4 12	10 27	♈ 13	☿ stationary. Markab so.	6	4 44	7 16	4
Wedn.	18 Maternus	5 4	11 1	♈ 25	♂ rises 1 49.	6	4 45	7 15	5
Thurs.	19 Ruffina	5 46	morn.	♉ 7	19. ♂ in ♍. ♀ rises 4 2	6	4 46	7 14	6
Friday	20 Elias	6 50	12 24	♉ 19	Regulus sets 9 45.	6	4 46	7 14	7
Saturd.	21 Praxedes	7 45	1 11	♊ 1	♃ sets 11 44.	6	4 47	7 13	8
29	*6th Sunday after Trinity.*				*Matt.* 5. *Day's length* 14 *hours* 24 *min.*				
Sunday	22 *Mary Mag.*	8 42	1 37	♊ 13	☽ in ♌. ☌☌☽. ☌♆☽. ☉ enters ♋	6	4 48	7 12	9
Mond.	23 Apollinaris	9 34	2 30	♊ 25	♀ in Aphelion.	6	4 49	7 11	10
Tuesd.	24 Christiana	10 29	3 30	♋ 7	☌♀☽. ♀ rises 3 26.	6	4 50	7 10	11
Wedn.	25 *St. James*	11 20	4 29	♋ 19	♄ sets 2 25.	6	4 50	7 10	12
Thurs.	26 *St. Anne*	Ev 9	☽ sets	♌ 1	26. ♂ rises 1 38.	6	4 51	7 9	13
Friday	27 Martha	12 54	7 42	♌ 14	☌☿☽. Altair south 11 2.	6	4 52	7 8	14
Saturd.	28 Pantaleon	1 38	8 8	♌ 26	♃ sets 12 11.	6	4 53	7 7	15
30	*7th Sunday after Trinity.*				*Mark* 8. *Day's length* 14 *hours* 12 *min.*				
Sunday	29 Beatrix	2 20	8 32	♍ 9	♆ stationary. ♀ stationary.	6	4 54	7 6	16
Mond.	30 Abdon	3 1	9 1	♍ 22	♀ rises 2 58. [3 36.	6	4 55	7 5	17
Tuesd.	31 Ignatius	3 42	9 26	♎ 6	☽ in apo. Algenib south	6	4 56	7 4	18

Use Little Giant or Chieftain on your buckwheat, millet or your fodder corn for feeding purposes, and use the Golden Crown or Sweepstakes on your turnips, late cabbage, celery, etc. These brands possess strong forcing power, and will mature these crops before the early frosts come. Double Quick is the great specialty for the tobacco crop. For melons of all kinds our Sweepstakes has no superior, if it has an equal. Try it once and you will want it again.

MOON'S PHASES.

First Quarter—The 4th, 7 o'clock 8 min., evening.
Full Moon—The 12th, 8 o'clock 16 min., forenoon.
Last Quarter—The 19th, 12 o'clock 26 min., morning.
New Moon—The 26th, 8 o'clock 37 min., morning.

Conjectures of the Weather.

1, 2, variable; 3, misty; 4, 5, thunder showers; 6 to 11, clear and warm; 12, 13, variable; 14, 15, rain; 16, 17, fair; 18, 19, 20, clear and warm; 21, 22, cloudy; 23, 24, 25, very warm; 26, 27, variable; 28, 29, cloudy; 30, 31, rain.

Venus is in inferior conjunction with the Sun on the 8th and passes evening to morning star.

GRANDMOTHER'S COUNSEL.

Grandmother says in her quaint old way:
"World wasn't made in a day—a day;
And that blue sky where the white clouds flit—
Why, the Lord was six days painting it!
The way ain't sunny;
But don't you fret!
Cheer up, honey—
You'll get there yet!"

Grandmother says in her quaint old way:
"World wasn't made in a day—a day;
The meadow there, where you love to sit—
Why, the Lord took time to carpet it!
The way ain't sunny;
But don't you fret!
Cheer up, honey—
You'll get there yet!"

And still to me in the fields and dells
Her sweet voice rings like a chime of bells,
And I dream brave dreams as I hear her say:
"World wasn't made in a day—a day!
The way ain't sunny;
But don't you fret!
Cheer up, honey—
You'll get there yet!"

—Atlanta Constitution.

A. S. HAMM, York Co., Pa., Nov. 18, 1899, says: I used your "Liberty Bell" Potash Mixture on my corn this year, and it has given me splendid results. My average yield was 150 bushesl of corn in the ears to the acre, being equal to seventy-five bushels of shelled corn, which was the best crop that I have ever raised. In this section 100 bushels of corn in the ears to the acre is regarded by all of our farmers as a fair average crop. After such a fine result with your "Liberty Bell" I think I can recommend it to other farmers who want to grow big crops of corn.

Mrs. J. (severely): "John, there is a very strong odor about you."

Mr. J.: "Yes, my dear; I've been eating onions."

Mrs. J.: "You may have the onion breath, John, but you certainly have not the onion walk."

BABYLAND.

How many miles to Babyland?
Anyone can tell;
Up one flight,
To your right—
Please to ring the bell.

What can you see in Babyland?
Little folks in white;
Downy heads,
Cradle beds,
Faces pure and bright.

What do they do in Babyland?
Dream and wake, and play;
Laugh and crow,
Shout and grow—
Jolly times have they.

What do they say in Babyland?
Why, the oddest things;
Might as well
Try to tell
What the birdie sings.

Who is the Queen of Babyland?
Mother, kind and sweet;
And her love,
Born above,
Guides the little feet.

JACOB SHEAFFER, SR., York Co., Pa., Nov. 20, 1899, says: I used one-half ton of your "Liberty Bell" Potash Mixture last fall on my wheat as a trial test by the side of another phosphate costing $3 per ton more in price. When harvest came I realized fully one-third more wheat from "Liberty Bell" than I did from the other goods. I was so much pleased at this result that I put "Liberty Bell" on my entire wheat-seeding this fall to the exclusion of all other brands.

An Irishman, the son of one who had been hanged, having been asked how his father died, thus eluded the admission of the fact:

"Sure, thin, my father, who was a very reckless man, was jist standin' on a platform haranguing a mob, when a part of the platform suddenly gave way, and he fell through, and thin it was found his neck was broken."

J. M. BROADUS, Essex Co., Va., Nov. 3, 1899, says: I used your "Liberty Bell" Potash Mixture last spring on peas and also on corn, and it gives me great pleasure in saying that I received entire satisfaction on both crops.

WOOLDRIDGE'S

Champion Giant

(Formerly called Little Giant.)

Our customers will observe that we have changed the name of this popular and well-known Fertilizer from "LITTLE GIANT" to "CHAMPION GIANT." This change is rendered necessary by reason of the fact that another Fertilizer firm had made use of that particular brand before we did, which fact we were not aware of at the time that we adopted the name. (As a matter of fact, we have in our possession more than one of the advertising books of that firm in which the brand of "Little Giant" does not occur.) We, of course, have no desire in any way to infringe upon the rights of any of our competitors in business, but we are satisfied to go before the business world upon our own name and brands, having never found it necessary to make use of either the brands, trademarks or names of any other persons in the legitimate prosecution of our Fertilizer business. So much for the change of name. Now as to the name itself. Last year, after we found out that it would be necessary to select another brand for this particular grade of Fertilizer, and while we were thinking over what particular name to choose, one of our customers, Mr. W. Scott Garner of Preston county, West Virginia, had occasion to write to us on business, and in writing of the very satisfactory results that he had obtained in the use of this particular brand, he said that "if the name of this brand ever has to be changed it should be called 'CHAMPION GIANT,' for it is certainly a champion among other Fertilizers." So that settled the matter at once, and "CHAMPION GIANT" *it is, not only in name, but in reality.* We think ourselves that the new name is very appropriate, for this particular grade of Fertilizer has had the most phenomenal success, as is evidenced by the hundreds of letters which we have from the farmers who have used it for a number of years past, some of which letters we have published in this Almanack.

The change of name, however, is the *only change* in this brand of Fertilizers. *The goods themselves shall be of the same high standard as heretofore,* and we are satisfied that under the new name "CHAMPION GIANT" is destined to win for itself new laurels and to achieve still greater results than it ever did under the old. "A rose by any other name will smell as sweet." Therefore, friend farmer, do not be afraid of "CHAMPION GIANT," for in using it you are only shaking hands with an old friend under a new name.

The increase in the sales of this particular brand of Fertilizers since its introduction to the farming community has simply been phenomenal. Its quality, price and wonderful efficacy in the soil have all united in making it immensely popular with the farmers in every section where it has been used, and it holds today the enviable distinction of an unbroken record of success in every State and neighborhood where it has been sold. Farmers everywhere regard it as the best money value they have ever found, while dealers roundly assert that it is the most popular and best-selling Fertilizer they have ever handled. We have never made a Fertilizer in which we have had more faith, according to its money value, than "CHAMPION GIANT," and its splendid work from year to year has but increased our estimation of its great agricultural value. We have built it out of the same first-class material that we use in all of our higher-cost standard goods, and have sought to give our farmer friends a most effective and high-grade Fertilizer at the lowest minimum of cost. We think that after a fair trial of this brand every fair-minded farmer will acknowledge that we have most happily succeeded in our manipulation of it. The low price at which "CHAMPION GIANT" is sold readily enables every farmer to buy it, and a single trial is all we ask to convince anyone of its true worth, not only in growing the immediate crop, but also in building up and permanently enriching the land. Among the great variety of Fertilizers on the market today we are perfectly satisfied that "CHAMPION GIANT" has no superior for its price, and that it will always sustain our reputation for high-class goods whenever put to a test alongside of any other Fertilizer costing anywhere near the same money. We say, then to all farmers in search of a low-price, complete and thoroughly reliable Fertilizer, try "CHAMPION GIANT" once and you won't be disappointed in yield of crop if the season be at all favorable.

PUNISHING A THIEF.

A professional man in St. Louis, who was accustomed during the summer months to have his fruit sent to him by express from his farm in central Missouri, was much annoyed one season by the pilfering of baggagemen. No matter how carefully his choice peaches or pears were boxed, the packages were sure to be broken into and despoiled with a free hand. He stood the loss without a murmur for several weeks, when, having noticed that the boxes which came in express car No. 37 were rather worse robbed than those shipped in other cars, he decided to mete out a little righteous retribution.

In pursuance of his scheme, he wrote a letter of instruction to the manager of his farm, and patiently awaited events.

Three or four days later he received a notification that an express package, addressed to him, was coming in car No. 37, and would reach the city about noon. He went to the station to meet the train, and when it came in he took a position near the express car and watched.

He had not long to wait. A man whose head and face were swollen beyond recognition came to the door of the car. He was pulling after him in the most careful manner a box that bore marks of having been opened and hastily nailed up again. With a muttered curse, he lowered the box to the truck waiting below to receive it.

"Handle that mighty careful, Jim," he said to the boy with the truck, "for all you know it may have—"

"Sufferin' Job!" interrupted the boy. "What's the matter, Swipesy?"

"Nothing," shortly replied the baggageman. "Be mighty careful how you handle that package. That's all I've got to say to you. Stand out of the way; I'm going to throw this trunk."

The story soon leaked out. Following the instructions he had received, the manager of the farm, by a little cautious night work, captured a hornet's nest, boxed it up, and shipped it on that particular day and in that particular car, in lieu of the peaches which the box was supposed to contain.

Fruit packages addressed to the professional man in question were never meddled with by that baggageman afterward.

HENNY REED, Lancaster Co., Pa., Nov. 13, 1899, says: Last spring I purchased from your agent at Lincoln (Mr. E. O. Hacker) some of your "Champion Giant" (formerly called "Little Giant") Fertilizer, and also bought Fertilizers from other manufacturers, all of which I used in seeding my oats, to test which was best. The "Champion Giant" started my oats at once and kept the lead clear up to harvest, and was *never* overtaken by the other Fertilizers. In harvesting the crop I found the oats from the "Champion Giant" were yellow, ripe and nice and had grown to normal size, while those from the other Fertilizers remained green and were thin on the land and very small in growth, and really unfit for harvesting. This practical test of "Champion Giant" with the other Fertilizers fully explains to me its great superiority, and causes me to faithfully stand by it in my future use of Fertilizers.

At a reception given to a musical celebrity in a neighboring city a rather flashily-dressed woman elbowed her way through the throng surrounding him and claimed his attention.

"Professor," she said, "do tell me the name of some good piece of classical music for the piano. I am so tired of hearing my daughters play what everybody else plays."

"Well, madam," responded the "hon" of the evening, slightly taken aback, but retaining his good humor, "suppose you try—let me see—Rolfe's 'Opus 97.' "

"I am glad you mentioned that, professor," she rejoined with enthusiasm; "if there is anything in the world I am fond of it is opuses!"

OTHO COLEMAN, West Union, Doddridge Co., W. Va., Nov. 27, 1899, says: I have been using your "Champion Giant" (formerly "Little Giant") for the past two years with much satisfaction, and I thought that I was buying it again this fall, but found out after it was too late that I had been grossly deceived by a local agent here selling a mixture called "Little Giant," made by some other concern, who made the impression that it was *Wooldridge's goods.* I found out, however, that there was a vast difference between it and the Wooldridge Fertilizer, *as it contained less available phosphoric acid and only half as much actual potash.* Such practices are not calculated to do much in the way of building up trade among the better-thinking class of people. I am glad to know that you have decided to call your Fertilizer "Champion Giant." I think that is a good name for it, and in future we will not be so liable to be taken in by buying inferior goods. I have always found your Fertilizers to be just as represented, and I can cheerfully recommend them to all farmers who want to get just what they buy and to receive fair and honest treatment in their dealings.

An exchange reports that the teacher of a city school received the following ample apology from the mother of an absentee: "Dere mam: plese eggscuse Willy He didn't have but one pair of pants an' I kep' him home to wash them and Mrs. O'toole's goat come and et them off the line and that awt to be eggscuse enuff, goodness nose. Yours with respeck, Mrs. B."

R. B. SEWARD, Middlesex Co., Va., Nov. 2, 1899, says: I used your "Champion Giant" (formerly called "Little Giant") Fertilizer on wheat last fall and again on corn this spring, and am fully satisfied with results on both crops. I applied the same brand to my tomatoes also, and find it to be finely adapted to the growing of that crop. In a word, I wish to say that I am well pleased with your goods on all the crops on which it has been used on my farm.

AUGUST, 8th Month.

Weeks and Days.	Remarkable Days.	Moon south. h. m.	Moon r. & s. h. m.	Moon's pl. noon. sig. deg.	Aspects of Planets, and other miscellaneous matter.	Sun slo. m.	Sun rises. h. m.	Sun sets. h. m.	O. style.
Wedn.	1 *Lammas d.*	4 45	9 55	♎ 19	☌☿☉ inferior.	6	4 57	7 3	19
Thurs.	2 Stephen	5 9	10 26	♏ 3	Vega south 9 46.	6	4 58	7 2	20
Friday	3 Augustus	5 55	11 1	♏ 17	3. ☿ gr. Hel. Lat. S.	6	4 59	7 1	21
Saturd.	4 Dominick	6 44	11 42	♐ 1	Spica sets 9 45.	6	5 0	7 0	22
31	*8th Sunday after Trinity.*		*Matt.* 7.		*Day's length* 13 *hours* 58 *min.*				
Sunday	5 Oswald	7 36	morn.	♐ 16	☌♃☽. ☌♅☽. ♃ sets ♓ 45. ☽ in ♌.	6	5 1	6 59	23
Mond.	6 *Tr. of Christ*	8 31	12 59	♑ 0	♀ rises 2 37. ☾	6	5 2	6 58	24
Tuesd.	7 Donatus	9 27	1 58	♑ 15	☌♄☽. ☌☌♆. ♄ sets 1 30.	5	5 3	6 57	25
Wedn.	8 Emily	10 24	2 58	♑ 29	♂ rises 1 22.	5	5 4	6 56	26
Thurs.	9 Ericus	11 21	4 9	♒ 14	Markab south 1 48.	5	5 5	6 55	27
Friday	10 *St. Lawrence*	morn.	☽rises	♒ 28	10. ☿ stationary.	5	5 6	6 54	28
Saturd.	11 Titus	12 16	7 19	♓ 12	Formal south 1 25.	5	5 7	6 53	29
32	*9th Sunday after Trinity.*		*Luke* 16.		*Day's length* 13 *hours* 44 *min.*				
Sunday	12 Clara	1 11	7 55	♓ 25	☽ in per. ♃ sets 11 19.	5	5 8	6 52	30
Mond.	13 Hildebert	2 4	8 19	♈ 8	♀ rises 2 20.	5	5 9	6 51	31
Tuesd.	14 Eusebius	2 57	9 58	♈ 21	☿ gr. brilliancy.	4	5 10	6 50	*Aug.*
Wedn.	15 *As. V. Mary*	3 51	9 41	♉ 3	♀ gr. Hel. Lat. S.	4	5 12	6 48	2
Thurs.	16 Rochus	4 46	10 25	♉ 15	♄ sets 12 53.	4	5 13	6 47	3
Friday	17 Bertram	5 41	11 9	♉ 27	17. ♅ stationary.	4	5 14	6 46	4
Saturd.	18 Agapetus	7 37	morn.	♊ 9	♃ sets 10 58. ☽ in ♌.	4	5 15	6 45	5
33	*10th Sunday after Trinity.*		*Luke* 19.		*Day's length* 13 *hours* 26 *min.*				
Sunday	19 *Ubaldus*	7 32	12 58	♋ 21	☿ gr. Elong. W. ☿ ris. 3 59. ☌♆☽.	3	5 17	6 43	6
Mond.	20 Bernard	8 26	1 58	♋ 3	☌☌☽. ♂ rises 1 12. ☽	3	5 18	6 42	7
Tuesd.	21 Rebecca	9 17	2 27	♋ 15	☌♀☽. ♀ rises 2 7.	3	5 19	6 41	8
Wedn.	22 Philibert	10 5	3 25	♋ 27	☿ in ♌. Dog Days end.	2	5 20	6 40	9
Thurs.	23 Zaccheus	10 51	4 23	♌ 10	☌☿☽. Polaris so. 3 15 ☉ enters ♍.	2	5 21	6 39	10
Friday	24 *St. Barthol.*	11 35	☽ sets	♌ 22	24. ♄ sets 12 22.	2	5 23	6 37	11
Saturd	25 Ludovicus	Ev 18	6 35	♍ 5	□♃☉. ♃ sets 10 32.	2	5 24	6 36	12
34	*11th Sunday after Trinity.*		*Luke* 18.		*Day's length* 13 *hours* 10 *min.*				
Sunday	26 Samuel	12 59	7 6	♍ 19	Archermar south 3 15.	2	5 25	6 35	13
Mond.	27 Gephard	1 40	7 32	♎ 2	☽ in apo. ☿ in Perihelion.	1	5 26	6 34	14
Tuesd.	28 *St. August.*	2 22	7 58	♎ 16	♀ rises 2 0.	1	5 27	6 33	15
Wedn.	29 *St. Johnbeh.*	3 5	8 19	♏ 0	♂ rises 1 3.	1	5 28	6 32	16
Thurs.	30 Benjamin	3 50	9 0	♏ 14	Spica sets 8 8.	0	5 30	6 30	17
Friday	31 Paulina	4 37	9 36	♏ 28	♄ sets 11 51.	0	5 31	6 29	18

If your buckwheat has not been seeded use Triumph or Double Quick to insure rapid growth and early maturity before frost sets in. Should wheat seeding begin with you this month use Little Giant, Chieftain or Triumph, and where clover sod has been turned or farm manure has been used broadcast on oat stubble or other land, our Liberty Bell Potash Mixture will be found a very cheap and effective fertilizer, not only for the wheat crop, but likewise for the grass that may follow.

MOON'S PHASES.

First Quarter—The 3d, 11 o'clock 40 min., forenoon.
Full Moon—The 10th, 4 o'clock 24 min., afternoon.
Last Quarter—The 17th, 6 o'clock 41 min., morning.
New Moon—The 24th, 10 o'clock 47 min., evening.

Conjectures of the Weather.

1, 2, clear; 3, thunder showers; 4, 5, 6, warm; 7, 8, clear; 9, 10, variable; 11, 12, warm; 13, 14, 15, very warm; 16, 17, 18, windy and droughty; 19, 20, rain; 21, 22, 23, 24, fair; 25, 26, variable; 27, 28, thunder showers; 29, 30, 31, warm.

EVERY YEAR.

Life is a count of losses,
Every year;
For the weak are heavier crosses,
Every year;
Lost spring with sods replying
Unto weary autumn's sighing,
While those we love are dying,
Every year.
But the truer life draws nigher,
Every year;
And the morning star climbs higher,
Every year;
Earth's hold on us grows slighter,
And the heavy burden lighter,
And the dawn immortal brighter,
Every year.

—Albert Pike in the Charleston News and Courier.

W. SCOTT GARNER, Tunnellton, Preston Co., W. Va., June 20, 1899, says: I have been selling your High-Grade Fertilizers to the farmers of this section for the past two years, and they have all who have used them—given great satisfaction to in fact, many of my customers are enthusiastic in their praises of the agricultural worth of your goods, especially of the "Triumph," Little Giant" and "Liberty Bell" brands, on the different crops grown here. The sincerity of this praise is attested by the fact that all who once use continue to use. Your "Little Giant" has done wonderfully well here this year on wheat and corn. The wheat from it was earlier and better than from any other Fertilizer used in this part of the country, while the corn crops, including my own, from the same brand is the best I have seen this season. I pronounce "Little Giant" a sure winner, and if its name ever has to be unavoidably changed please call it "Champion Giant," for it well deserves that name.

ONE OF GOD'S LITTLE HEROES.

The patter of feet was on the stair,
As the editor turned in his sanctum chair,
And said—for weary the day had been—
"Don't let another intruder in."

But scarce had he uttered the words, before
A face peeped in at the half-closed door,
And a child sobbed out: "Sir, mother said
I should come and tell you that Dan is dead."

"And pray who is 'Dan?'" The streaming eyes
Looked questioning up with a strange surprise:
"Not know him? Why, sir, all day he sold
The papers you print, through wet and cold.

"The newsboys say that they could not tell
The reason his stock went off so well:
I knew!—with his voice so sweet and low,
Could anyone bear to say him 'No?'

"And the money he made, whatever it be,
He carried straight home to mother and me.
No matter about his rags, he said,
If only he kept us clothed and fed.

"And he did it, sir, trudging through rain and cold,
Nor stopped till the last of his sheets was sold.
But he's dead—he's dead! and we miss him so!
And mother—she thought you might like to know."

In the paper next morning, as "leader," ran
A paragraph thus: "The newsboy, Dan,
One of God's little heroes, who
Did nobly the duty he had to do—
For mother and sister earning bread,
By patient endurance and toil—is dead."

—Margaret J. Preston.

JACOB C. SMITH, West Union, Doddridge Co., W. Va., Nov. 27, 1899, says: I have been using several brands of your Fertilizers for the past three years, and I can cheerfully say that they have rendered the best service I have ever received from the use of any other goods that has been tried on my land. I have used in former years a good many of the crack brands of a number of leading manufacturers, but much prefer your "Buffalo," "Chieftain" and "Champion Giant" brands to any of them; besides which, I have always been able to buy your goods at what I consider a very reasonable price for their fine quality, and besides, I have always received good, square, honest treatment at the hands of your local agent in this section.

IT MADE HIM BRAVE.

After one of the battles of the Civil War, a group of Confederate soldiers sat about their camp-fires talking of how a man feels when he goes into battle. Most of those who confessed to any feeling at all admitted that they felt scared, and at length one of them told of his first fight, and how a little thing changed his feeling of fear to one of courageous determination.

It was not a great battle, but it was lively while it lasted, and unfortunately for him it was one of those engagements in which it is necessary to wait for the enemy to begin. He was "tender" then. He had just left home, and as he lay there waiting he thought of the little knick-knacks his mother and sisters had made for him—for they thought soldiers lived in camp—and every time he thought of them he grew "teary."

The Confederate troops were lying on the edge of a piece of woods, with a sloping meadow in front, crossed by a stone wall heavily overgrown with vines. At the other edge of the meadow was another strip of woods. The enemy was somewhere in there.

And so they waited, and out of nervousness the young soldier got to feeling in his pockets, and pulled out a little three-cornered pincushion.

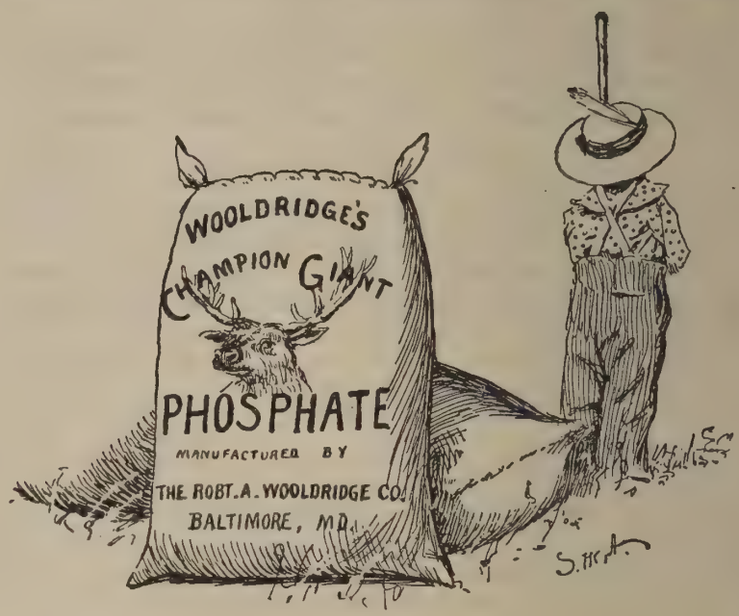
"My first thought," he said, "was that I wanted to go home and give the war up, but then came another kind of thought. The little girl wouldn't have given that pincushion to me if she hadn't understood that I was going off to fight for the country. So I said to myself, 'Old fellow, you've got to stand up to the worst.'

"And now," he concluded, "whenever we go into battle I always brace myself up a little by feeling in my breeches pocket and sort of shaping out that pincushion. And when I go back home—if it suits the Yankees that I ever go back at all—I am going to give it as a souvenir to the little sister that made it for me. And I'm going to tell her that it was that pincushion, little three-cornered thing that it is, that made a man of me that day."

And we may be certain that this incident, taken from Mr. George Cary Eggleston's "Southern Solider Stories," is not the only one the inspiration of which might be traced to some simple, homely source.

JAMES K. BALL, Lancaster Co., Va., Nov. 8, 1899, says: Referring to my former letter in regard to my experience in the use of your Fertilizers, I write again to say that I am now still better pleased with them than I was then, owing to my additional experience with them during the present year. I used your "Champion Giant" (formerly "Little Giant") again last spring on my corn in the hill at the rate of 200 pounds to the acre. The land was much thinner than my corn land was last year, but I am pleased to say that notwithstanding that fact my corn was much better, *both in yield and quality.* In fact, it has given me a *splendid crop.* I shall use your same brand again next spring on corn, and I also expect to use some of your Fertilizers this winter as a top-dressing on my growing wheat and on land I intend putting in field peas next spring to improve my land with, so as to prepare it for growing profitably other crops of the farm.

Do Not Turn Your Back on a Good Thing.



An easy way that some folks have
Of settling every matter
Is childishly to turn the back,
And then begin to chatter.

Ne'er turn your back on a good thing;
Keep up with the procession.
The praise of good things always sing,
Nor step with retrogression.

DON'T BE A FOGY
and
DON'T BE A GROWLER.

F. A. BRISTOW, Urbanna, Middlesex Co., Va., Nov. 10, 1899, says: Another year's experience in the sale of your different Fertilizers here but tends to confirm my oft-repeated expressions concerning their agricultural value. This year's use of them has added new laurels to their reputation, and all of my customers are pleased. Among your numerous brands used here on the different truck and other crops "Champion Giant" (formerly called "Little Giant") seems to have come to the front on peas and tomatoes, and is giving great satisfaction in the growing of those crops. Its sales another year are likely to heavily increase. Your goods have always been popular here, and grow more and more so every year.

On returning from the barn early one morning the old man found his wife in tears.

"Wha'cher cryin' about Melissy?" he inquired.

"'Nother—one—uv our darters—was stole last night," she sobbed.

"The red-headed un?" he asked laconically.

"Yes—poor Mag—she was the best gal"—

"Bob Scuttles?"

"Uv course, hasn't been no other feller waitin' on her. Ain't you goin' to pursue after 'em an' arrest 'im?"

"Uv course not," he replied sternly. "I'm not under obligations to help Bob Scuttles out uv no difficulty. Let him go ahead and work out his sentence same's I've ben a-doin' fur the las' forty year."

C. CARROLL TILGHMAN, Queen Anne's Co., Md., Oct. 15, 1898, says: I made a fair and impartial test in my fallow field for wheat last fall with five different kinds of Fertilizers, including yours, using 500 pounds of each on exactly the same amount of land and same amount of seed wheat to each kind. I drilled each separately on the same day, cut each separately at harvest and threshed them separately. The results of the test have been so decidedly in favor of your "Champion Giant" (formerly called "Little Giant") and "Liberty Bell" Potash Mixture that this fall in my wheat-seeding *I have dropped every other kind* and am using the "Liberty Bell" on my fallow and "Champion Giant" on my corn stubble land. My experience leads me to have the utmost confidence in these goods, and I expect to coninue their use in the future.

Mr. Tilghman writes again, July 19, 1899: I have just cut and threshed out my crop of wheat from land where I used your goods last fall, and when I think of the splendid yield I feel like saying "Hurrah for the Wooldridge Fertilizers." I used five and one-half tons of "Liberty Bell" on fifty-three acres of fallow ground, from which I threshed out 1450 bushels of nice wheat, and on thirty-three acres of corn ground, where I used three tons of "Champion Giant" and one ton of another make of Fertilizer. I got 730 bushels—in all, 2180 bushels, from the eighty-six acres. I regard this result as a very flattering one in view of the unusually severe winter we had, which caused the growing crop of wheat to look very badly at opening of spring, but Wooldridge's Fertilizers brought my crop out with the result named. I shall use your Fertilizers entirely this fall in my wheat-seeding.

J. C. GRAY, Middlesex Co., Va., Nov. 2, 1899, says: I have been using your "Champion Giant" (formerly known as "Little Giant") brand of Fertilizers on tomatoes in former years, and used it again this year, and must say that I regard it as a very superior Fertilizer for that crop. I have also used other brands of your goods on other crops, and with the same degree of satisfaction as to results.

Mistress—"Our church is just like one family."

Mrs. Candid—"Yes, indeed; I notice there is a good deal of quarrelling among the members."

WOOLDRIDGE'S

PHOSPHATE,

MANUFACTURED BY

THE ROBERT A. WOOLDRIDGE CO.

BALTIMORE, MD.

GUARANTEED ANALYSIS:

Ammonia (derived from high-grade tankage)	1.00 to 1.50
Potash (K_2O)	2.00 to 2.50
Equal to sulphate of potash	3.75 to 4.25
Phosphoric acid, available (derived from bone stock)	9.00 to 10.00
Phosphoric acid, insoluble	1.50 to 2.00
Equal to bone phosphate of lime	20.00 to 22.00

Put up in 167-pound bags (twelve bags to the ton). See that you get the GENUINE WOOLDRIDGE FERTILIZERS, which have the name, the Robert A. Wooldridge Company, on each bag.

"I hear Bronson sung "Rocked In the Cradle of the Deep" at the concert." "Yes." "Did he do it well?" "He did, indeed. It was so vivid that five persons left the hall, overcome with seasickness."

N. P. SNADER, Carroll Co., Md., Oct. 16, 1899, says: I have given your "Champion Giant" Fertilizer a trial this season, and my opinion is that the goods are all right. I found it sacked in nice sacks and in excellent drilling condition, with full, honest weight in the bags, and I only regret that I did not try this Fertilizer sooner.

SEPTEMBER, 9th Month.

Weeks and Days.	Remarkable Days.	Moon south. h. m.	Moon r. & s. h. m.	Moon's pl. noon. sig. deg.	Aspects of Planets, and other miscellaneous matter.	Sun fast m.	Sun rises. h. m.	Sun sets. h. m.	O. style.
Saturd.	1 Egidius	5 27	10 22	♌ 12	□♄☉. ♂♃☽. ♃ sets 10 10.	0	5 32	6 28	19
35	*12th Sunday after Trinity.*	*Mark* 7.			*Day's length* 12 *hours* 54 *min.*				
Sunday	2 Eliza	6 19	11 12	♌ 26	2. ♂♅☽. ♄ station-ary. ☽ in ♌	0	5 33	6 27	20
Mond.	3 Mansuetus	7 13	morn.	♍ 10	♂♄☽. ♄ sets 11 42. ☾	1	5 35	6 25	21
Tuesd.	4 Moses	8 9	12 40	♍ 25	♀ rises 1 56.	1	5 36	6 24	22
Wedn.	5 Nathaniel	9 4	1 50	♎ 9	Rigel rises 11 42.	1	5 37	6 23	23
Thurs.	6 Magnus	9 59	2 58	♎ 23	☿ gr. Hel. Lat. N.	2	5 39	6 21	24
Friday	7 Regina	10 54	4 9	♏ 6	Markab south 11 50.	2	5 40	6 20	25
Saturd.	8 *N. of. V. M.*	11 49	5 26	♏ 20	8. ♃ sets 9 44.	2	5 41	6 19	26
36	*13th Sunday after Trinity.*	*Luke* 10.			*Day's length* 12 *hours* 36 *min.*				
Sunday	9 Bruno	morn.	☽ rises	♐ 3	☽ in per. Sirius rises 2 24.	3	5 43	6 18	27
Mond.	10 Pulcheria	12 44	6 58	♐ 16	♂ rises 12 53.	3	5 44	6 16	28
Tuesd.	11 Protus	1 39	7 38	♐ 29	♀ rises 1 57.	4	5 45	6 15	29
Wedn.	12 *J. Wickliffe*	2 36	8 21	♑ 11	Arctur. sets 9 59.	4	5 46	6 14	30
Thurs.	13 Ama us	3 33	9 9	♑ 23	♂☿☉ superior.	4	5 48	6 12	31
Friday	14 *El. H. Crs.*	4 30	9 58	♒ 5	♄ sets 10 59. ☽ in ♌	5	5 49	6 11	Sept.
Saturd.	15 Nicetas	5 27	10 54	♒ 17	15. ♃ sets 9 21.	5	5 50	6 10	
37	*14th Sunday after Trinity.*	*Luke* 17.			*Day's length* 12 *hours* 16 *min.*				
Sunday	16 Euphemia	6 22	11 52	♓ 29	♂♆☽. Wega south 6 58.	5	5 52	6 8	3
Mond.	17 Lambertus	7 14	morn.	♈ 11	♀ gr. Elong W. 46° 31′ ☾	6	5 53	6 7	4
Tuesd.	18 Siegfried	8 3	1 53	♈ 23	♂♂☽. ♂ rises 12 42.	6	5 54	6 6	5
Wedn.	19 Ember Day	8 50	2 21	♉ 5	♂♀☽. ♀ rises 2 2.	6	5 56	6 4	6
Thurs.	20 Fausta	9 34	3 18	♉ 18	Polaris south 1 20.	7	5 57	6 3	7
Friday	21 *St. Matthew*	10 17	4 17	♊ 1	♄ sets 10 32.	7	5 58	6 2	8
Saturd.	22 Maurice	10 58	5 12	♊ 14	□♄☉. □♆☉. ♃ sets 8 56	7	5 59	6 1	9
38	*15th Sunday after Trinity.*	*Matt.* 6.			*Day's length* 12 *hours* 0 *min.*				
Sunday	23 Hosea	11 39	☽ sets	♊ 28	23. ☉ en-te s ♎ D. & N. eqal. Autumn bg's.	8	6 0	6 0	10
Mond.	24 *St. John's c.*	Ev 21	6 2	♋ 12	♂☿☽. Capella so. 4 56. [☽ in apo.	8	6 2	5 58	11
Tuesd.	25 Cleophas	12 54	6 30	♋ 26	♂ rises 12 36.	8	6 3	5 57	12
Wedn.	26 Justina	1 48	7 3	♌ 10	Antares south 8 36.	9	6 4	5 56	13
Thurs.	27 Cosmus	2 34	7 38	♌ 25	♀ rises 2 9.	9	6 5	5 55	14
Friday	28 Wenceslaus	3 23	8 20	♍ 9	Achernar so. 1 6. [☽ in ♌.	9	6 7	5 53	15
Saturd.	29 *St. Michael*	4 13	9 6	♍ 23	♂♃☽. ♂♅☽. ☿ in ♍. ♃ sets 8 32	10	6 9	5 51	16
39	*16th Sunday after Trinity.*	*Luke* 7.			*Day's length* 11 *hours* 40 *min.*				
Sunday	30 Jerome	5 5	10 1	♎ 7	♂♄☽. ♄ sets 9 58.	10	6 10	5 50	17

In your wheat seeding use our Little Giant, Chieftain or Triumph—they are the great specialties for that crop. Where clover sod has been plowed under or farm manure has been applied on oat stubble or other land, our Liberty Bell Potash Mixture or Old Sledge will be found to be very cheap and satisfactory fertilizers, not only in growing wheat, but also the grass crop that may follow. A fair trial of our fertilizers is all that we ask of our farmer friends.

MOON'S PHASES.

First Quarter—The 2d, 2 o'clock 50 min., morning.
Full Moon—The 9th, 12 o'clock 1 min., morning.
Last Quarter—The 15th, 3 o'clock 52 min., afternoon.
New Moon—The 23d, 2 o'clock 52 min., afternoon.

Conjectures of the Weather.

1, 2, cloudy; 3, 4, cool rains; 5, 6, 7, clear; 8, 9, 10, cool; 11, 12, variable; 13, 14, warm; 15, 16, variable, with rain; 17, 18, clear and cool; 19, fine; 20, 21, cloudy; 22, 23, variable; 24, 25, thunder gusts; 26, 27, clear; 28, 29, 30, clear and cool.

HOME.

Home's not merely four square walls
Tho' with pictures hung and gilded;
Home is where affection calls,
Filled with shrines the heart has builded.

Home? Go watch the faithful dove
Sailing 'neath the heaven above us;
Home is where there's one to love!
Home is where there's one to love us!

Home's not merely roof and room—
It needs something to endear it!
Home is where the heart can bloom,
Where there's some kind lip to cheer it!

What is home with none to meet,
None to welcome, none to greet us?
Home is sweet and only sweet
Where there's one we love to meet us.

DAVID RAUTHENBURG, Kent Co., Del., Nov. 10, 1898, says: I have used your "Champion Giant" (formerly called "Little Giant") brand of Fertilizer on wheat at the rate of about 300 pounds to the acre, and your "Triumph" brand on corn and Irish potatoes with entire satisfaction in results. I am convinced that your goods run a high percentage of muriate of potash, which I find is the best to use on my land. I wish to say that I have used the above brands alongside of other makes of Fertilizers, with the result always in favor of the Wooldridge goods as at present made by your company.

Mr. Rauthenburg writes again, Oct. 16, 1899: I have used your Fertilizers again the past year, and with great satisfaction. Your "Champion Giant" brand was applied to wheat last fall on land that had been previously dressed broadcast with about thirty-five bushels of slacked lime to the acre. I harvested this year a very fine crop of wheat, and my clover on the land is so heavy in growth that my neighbors advise me to mow it off this fall for hay. So much for "Champion Giant" on wheat and grass.

KATIE STRUCK ON THE STAGE.

Arrah, Mrs. Ryan, no wondher Oi'm cryin';
'Tis trouble Oi'm havin' av late.
How kin Oi be aisy whin Oi'm almosth druv crazy
Along o' me big daughther Kate?
Sure, the way she is actin' is fairly disthractin';
She's caught the t'eatrical rage.
As Oi'm a lone widder, there's no livin' wid her
Since Katie got sthruck on the stage.

She's at the t'eayter till midnight or later;
Comes home wid a tough-lookin' beau;
She says he's a "supe" in an operay troop—
Phat thot is Oi'm sure Oi don't know.
He tells her that yet she will be a soubrette,
Though the colleen is not yet av age.
She will be an actor—Oi've losth me charackter
Since Katie got sthruck on the stage.

Och, nobody knows how she uses me clothes,
A-makin' thim into costhooms.
From mornin' till night me poor house is a sight
Wid her scene sittin' in all the rooms.
Her fayther's old britches she cuts an' she stitches
To get hersilf up loike a "page."
Och, murther, thim pages! They drisses outrageous,
But she says it's sthoyle on the stage.

She scares me to death wid the scenes from "Macbeth,"
Whin Oi'm afther a-goin' to shleep,
For thin she comes walkin' and awfully talkin',
Till the chills up me backbone do creep.
She makes such a pother wid the "ghost of me father,"
And tells me, "Avaunt, quit her soight!"
Until, saints presarve us, I do be thot narvous,
Oi can't shleep a wink all the noight.

She says she will shine in the very front line
And dance in the calcium's glare,
While all the old beaux in the baldheaded rows
Through their operay glasses will sthare.
She says her new tights is "clean out ov sight,"
And that she will be "all the rage."
All the girls in our alley are dancing the ballay
Since Katie got sthruck on the stage.

She wance ran away wid an operay bouffay;
Got sthranded in Kalamazoo.
It took ivry cint I had saved for the rint
To pay her way home—now, thot's thrue!
But sthill the poor child, she is perfectly wild;
Oi t'ink Oi will buy me a cage
And lock her up in it till that blissid minute
Whin Katie gets sick av the stage.

—Willard Holcomb in the Buffalo Express.

CONGRESSIONAL REPARTEE.

There is a good deal of verbal sharpshooting and badinage in Congress, and frequently this is not only very enlivening to the session, but well worth repeating.

Jerry Simpson of Kansas, the "sockless" statesman, and Representative Caruth of Kentucky have been among the very quickest at repartee. A Louisville exchange relates the following incidents of them:

When Jerry first took his seat the other members thought it perfectly safe to be familiar with him. They evidently believed he would turn out very dull and incapable of protecting himself from their badinage. Before they got through, however, they learned that Jerry was a serious thing, and whoever picked him up must be careful as to where he took hold.

One day, Payne of New York was making a speech. It was of tariff kind, and Simpson, who sat very near the speaker, turned suddenly about and asked that gentleman a question which was going to be very hard to answer. To reply direct would be a blunder, put the talker somewhat within Simpson's power, and Payne saw it. He took another way out, and not a very graceful one.

"The question is such a foolish one," said Mr. Payne, surveying Mr. Simpson with an air of lofty patronage, "that if I were inclined to be ungentlemanly I would retort to the gentleman by asking him if his ancestors were monkeys."

"And if you did," responded Mr. Simpson, surveying Mr. Payne with great cheerfulness, "I should reply to it as did the elder Dumas when asked a similar question by a French dandy, and say that my ancestors were monkeys; that my family began where yours leaves off."

Caruth recently rather disturbed the equanimity of that metropolitan editor and statesman, Lemuel Eli Quigg.

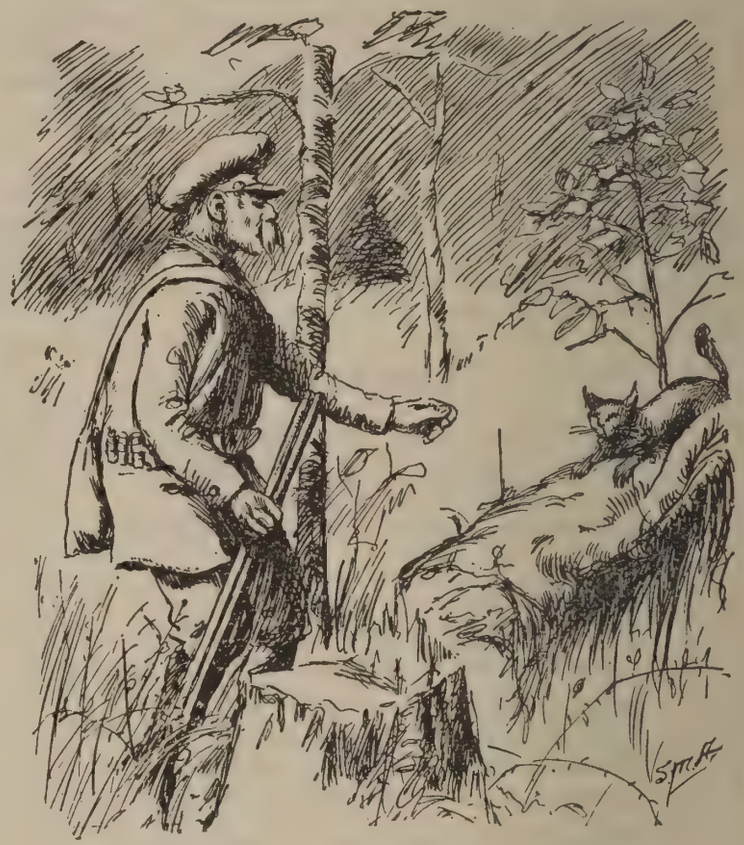
"The republican party, Mr. Speaker," shouted Mr. Quigg on an occasion when, oratorically speaking, he was sailing, and soaring, and sailing, a mere speck in the heavens of the house, "the republican party, Mr. Speaker, on that occasion of the nation's greatest peril stood like a gladiator, belted and buckled, booted and spurred—"

"Will the gentleman," interrupted Caruth, with a look of one who was taking a consuming interest in Quigg's speech, and wanted full information on all points as he went along, "will the gentleman please mention where and when it was that the gladiators wore boots and spurs?"

The house, as usual, full of approving delight, yelled its glee over the interruption, and all very much to the confusion of Lemuel Eli Quigg, who was exceedingly busy at that time posing as a making of metaphors of excessive purity.

J. HOWARD BARTOL, York Co., Pa., Nov. 6, 1899, says: I have been using your "Triumph" and "Champion Giant" brands of Fertilizers for the past three years on all the crops of my farm. During that time I have tested several other kinds alongside of them, but have always received the most profit from the use of your goods, and I am therefore fully satisfied that they are entirely reliable for any farmer to use. My wheat crop this unfavorable year from the use of your Ferilizers averaged me twenty-five bushels to the acre.

Be Sure of Breed and Brand.



An old fellow who went out in the woods to hunt came across what he supposed to be a beautiful little pussy cat. As he undertook to pet pussy he suddenly said: "Vot vas dot? Ach! the schmell almost kills me det." He did not die, but he wished he was dead.

MORAL.

Be sure of breed, if an animal, and of brands, if a Fertilizer or other trade article. There is as much difference in the brands of Fertilizers as there is between a polecat and a pussy cat.

L. A. EDWARDS, Westmoreland Co., Va., Oct. 26, 1899, says: I have been using several brands of your Fertilizers with most excellent success. For my tomato crop I have been using your "Champion Giant" (formerly "Little Giant") brand, and the growers for my cannery have been doing the same thing, and we all unite in saying that "Champion Giant" (formerly "Little Giant") excels all others, and we believe it to be the best Fertilizer now in the market of which we have knowledge for the growing of that crop.

An anecdote of Bishop Thomas W. Dudley, narrated in the Sioux City Journal, reveals, in his own words, the secret of his success:

When it was first known in the city in which he was settled that he was to go to Kentucky, some of his friends were disposed to be critical.

"You are not going to Kentucky, are you?" asked one.

"Yes, indeed."

"Do you know what kind of a State that is?" I saw in the paper that one man killed another in a Kentucky town for treading on a dog."

The bishop said nothing, and the man continued, impatiently, "What are you going to do in a place like that?"

"I'm not going to tread on the dog!" was the calm reply.

CORNELIUS W. FRIEND, Garrett Co., Md., July 22, 1899, writes: I wish to say in regard to your Fertilizers that they are the best I have ever used, and other farmers here say the same thing. I have used Fertilizers from eight different manufacturers, but I shall hereafter continue to use yours entirely, as I think that they are the very best I can get. I do not think that your "Triumph" and "Champion Giant" (formerly called "Little Giant") can be beaten on either the wheat or corn crop. I can raise good corn with either one of them, even on very poor land, and can grow wheat on any land that will sprout peas. Last year I used "Triumph" for corn on a seventeen-acre field and harvested 732 bushels of the best corn grown in this neighborhood. This year (1899) I used your "Champion Giant" on corn on a four-acre lot, and the growth was so large by the tenth of July that it was impossible to get a horse and plow through it. I used the "Triumph" on wheat last fall and the "Champion Giant" on oats this spring with the best results. I shall get fifty or more bushels of good oats to the acre, and my wheat is the best I have ever raised. The farmers in this section say that the Genuine Wooldridge Fertilizers are the best ever brought in this country, and their prices are certainly moderate for the quality.

Uneducated people sometimes have a happy knack in coming to the point. Here, for example, is a story from the Boston Herald:

Dan and Mose, neither of them noted for erudition, were partners in an enterprise which it is needless to specify. One morning a customer called to settle a small bill, and after handing over the money, asked for a receipt.

Mose retired to the privacy of an inner room, and after a long delay returned with a slip of paper, on which were written these words:

"We've got our pay.—Me and Dan."

Mrs. Mann—"Here's a pie your mother brought in today. I suppose you will have a piece?"

Mr. Mann—"Will I? Well, I guess! Ah, that's the stuff! If you could only make pies like mother, Hetty!"

Mrs. Mann—"Yes, as I was going to say, your mother brought this in today. She saw it at the baker's as she passed by, and went in and bought it. She'll be real glad you like it."

EZRI TEETS, Preston Co., W. Va., Nov. 1, 1899, says: I was the first man to use your Fertilizers in my neighborhood. I bought your "Champion Giant" (formerly known as "Little Giant") brand from Mr. W. Scott Garner, your agent here, and put it on buckwheat in 1898, and it pleased me so well that in the fall of last year I used the same brand on my wheat, and at harvest this year I had the best crop of wheat that I have ever raised in the twenty years that I have been farming. I used your goods on my corn last spring with satisfaction, and again on my wheat this fall, and expect to continue their use exclusively as long as they give me such satisfactory results.

"A man kin forgit his manners an' git along foh awhile," said Uncle Eben, "but de fus' ting he knows he gits so haughty he neglecks to bow to the inevitable, an' den he's in trouble sho' 'nuff."

J. W. PORTER, Talbot Co., Md., Nov. 6, 1899, says: I have used your "Champion Giant" brand of Fertilizer on the crops of my farm for the past three years, and it has given me entire satisfaction in results.

"Papa," said little four-year-old Margie, "I think you are just the nicest man in the whole world."

"And I think you are the nicest little girl in the world," replied her father.

"Course I am," said Margie. "Ain't it queer how such nice people happened to get into the same family?"

F. W. CLARK, Orange Co., Va., Oct. 20, 1898, says: I used your "Champion Giant" (formerly called "Little Giant") Fertilizer on my corn last spring, and it has given me most excellent results in the yield. I believe it to be a very reliable Fertilizer, and can confidently recommend it to my brother farmers as in every way worthy of their patronage.

Mr. Clark writes again, Oct. 20, 1899: I take great pleasure in giving you my present opinion of your Fertilizers. I have, as you know, been using them on different crops for several years, and after that experience can say that I believe them to be good and reliable, and I can therefore confidently recommend them to other farmers. I have used your standard goods this fall on my wheat at the rate of 300 pounds to the acre, and at this writing I have a very fine stand and the young grass is up nicely. I also have a good stand of grass on last year's wheat land, but the season this year for wheat in this section was very bad, and crops were consequently short in yield generally.

OCTOBER, 10th Month.

Weeks and Days	Remarkable Days.	Moon south. h. m.	Moon r. & s. h. m.	Moon's pl. noon. sig. deg.	Aspects of Planets, and other miscellaneous matter.	Sun fast m.	Sun rises. h. m.	Sun sets. h. m.	O. style.
Mond.	1 Remigius	5 58	11 1	♑ 20	1. Formal so. 1. ☽	10	6 11	5 49	18
Tuesd.	2 *C. Columbus*	6 52	morn.	♒ 4	♆ stationary.	11	6 12	5 48	19
Wedn.	3 Jairius	7 47	12 58	♒ 18	Markab south 10 8.	11	6 13	5 47	20
Thurs.	4 Francis	8 38	1 46	♓ 1	Altair south 7 3.	11	6 15	5 45	21
Friday	5 Placidus	9 32	2 46	♓ 15	☿ rises 2 19.	12	6 16	5 44	22
Saturd.	6 Fides	10 26	4 00	♓ 28	Sirius rises 12 48.	12	6 17	5 43	23
40	17*th Sunday after Trinity.*		*Luke* 14.		*Day's length* 11 *hours* 22 *min.*				
Sunday	7 Amelia	11 21	5 27	♈ 11	♄ sets 9 32.	12	6 19	5 41	24
Mond.	8 Pelagius	morn.	☽rises	♈ 24	8. ☽ in per. ♃ sets 8 1	12	6 20	5 40	25
Tuesd.	9 Dionysius	12 18	6 11	♉ 6	♂ rises 12 20. [☽ in ♉.	13	6 21	5 39	26
Wedn.	10 Gereon	1 17	6 46	♉ 19	☿ in Aphelion. ☿ in ♌.	13	6 23	5 37	27
Thurs.	11 Burkhart	2 16	7 46	♊ 1	Polaris south 11 57.	13	6 24	5 36	28
Friday	12 Veritas	3 15	8 42	♊ 13	☿ rises 2 29.	13	6 25	5 35	29
Saturd.	13 Colomon	4 13	9 32	♊ 26	☌♆☽. 7* rises 6 56.	14	6 27	5 33	30
41	18*th Sunday after Trinity.*		*Matt.* 22.		*Day's length* 11 *hours* 4 *min.*				
Sunday	14 Fortuna	5 7	10 43	♋ 6	♄ sets 9 4. ☾	14	6 28	5 32	*Oct.*
Mond.	15 Hedwiges	5 59	11 43	♋ 18	15. Hamel so. 12 25.	14	6 29	5 31	1
Tuesd.	16 *Gallus*	6 47	morn.	♌ 0	☌☌☽. ♂ rises 12 12.	14	6 31	5 29	3
Wedn.	17 Florentine	7 32	1 42	♌ 13	♃ sets 7 31.	15	6 32	5 28	4
Thurs.	18 *St. Luke, Ev*	8 15	2 30	♌ 27	Antares south 7 25.	15	6 34	5 26	5
Friday	19 Ptolemy	8 57	3 11	♍ 9	☌☿☽. ☌♃♅. ☿ rises 2 40.	15	6 35	5 25	6
Saturd.	20 Felicianus	9 38	4 4	♍ 22	Regulus rises 11 36.	15	6 36	5 24	7
42	19*th Sunday after Trinity.*		*Matt.* 9.		*Day's length* 10 *hours* 46 *min.*				
Sunday	21 Ursula	10 20	5 1	♎ 6	☽ in apo. ♄ sets 8 41.	15	6 37	5 23	8
Mond.	22 *Cordula*	11 2	5 58	♎ 20	Algol south 12 59.	16	6 38	5 22	9
Tuesd.	23 Severinus	11 46	☽ sets	♏ 5	23. ☉ enters ♏.	16	6 40	5 20	10
Wedn.	24 Salome	Ev 32	5 38	♏ 20	♂ rises 12 3. [☽ in ♉.	16	6 41	5 19	11
Thurs.	25 Crispin	1 20	6 29	♐ 4	☌☿☽. Aldebaran so. 2 14.	16	6 42	5 18	12
Friday	26 Amandus	2 10	7 5	♐ 19	☌♅☽. ☌♃☽. ♃ sets 7 3.	16	6 43	5 17	13
Saturd.	27 Sabina	3 1	7 56	♑ 4	☿ rises 2 54. ☽	16	6 44	5 16	14
43	20*th Sunday after Trinity.*		*Matt.* 22.		*Day's length* 10 *hours* 30 *min.*				
Sunday	28 *Simon, Jude*	3 53	8 54	♑ 19	☌♄☽. ♄ sets 8 16.	16	6 45	5 15	15
Mond.	29 *H. Zwingle*	4 46	9 46	♒ 2	☿ gr. Elong E. ☿ sets 5 52.	16	6 46	5 14	16
Tuesd.	30 Serapion	5 38	10 59	♒ 16	☿ gr. Hel. Lat. S.	16	6 48	5 12	17
Wedn.	31 HALL. EVE.	6 29	morn.	♒ 29	31. Rigel rises 9 14.	16	6 49	5 11	18

Use our Little Giant, Chieftain or Triumph liberally on your wheat and rye seeding. They have no superiors and will pay you handsomely for any outlay you may make in them. Not only in the yield of grain and grass, but your land will be better when the crop comes off than it was before the fertilizer was applied. For late wheat seeding use our Chieftain or Double Quick; they have strong forcing power and will give the grain a good start before winter sets in.

MOON'S PHASES.

First Quarter—The 1st, 4 o'clock 5 min., evening.
Full Moon—The 8th, 8 o'clock 13 min., morning.
Last Quarter—The 15th, 4 o'clock 45 min., morning.
New Moon—The 23d, 8 o'clock 22 min., morning.
First Quarter—The 31st, 3 o'clock 12 min., morning.

Conjectures of the Weather.

1, fair; 2, 3, 4, frosty; 5, 6, cool; 7, 8, 9, rain; 10, 11, 12, clear; 13, 14, 15, fair; 16, 17, windy; 18, 19, misty; 20, 21, warm; 22, 23, 24, rainy; 25, 26, 27, clear and cool; 28, 29, windy; 30, 31, fair.

BETAKE THYSELF TO PRAYER.

When bitter winds of trouble blow,
And thou art tossing to and fro,
When waves are rolling mountain high,
And clouds obscure the steadfast sky,
Fear not, my soul, thy Lord is there,
Betake thyself, my soul, to prayer.

When in the dull routine of life
Thou yearneth half for pain and strife,
So weary of the commonplace,
Of days that wear the self-same face,
Think softly, soul, thy Lord is there,
And then betake thyself to prayer.

When brims thy cup with sparkling joy,
When happy tasks the hours employ,
When men with praise and sweet acclaim
Upon the highways speak thy name,
Then, soul, I bid thee have a care,
Seek oft thy Lord in fervent prayer.

If standing where two pathways meet,
Each beckoning thy pilgrim feet,
Thou art in doubt which road to take,
Look up and say: "For Thy dear sake—
O Master! show Thy footprints fair—
I'd follow Thee." Christ answers prayer.

The tempter oft, with wily toil,
Seeks thee, my soul, as precious spoil;
His weapons never lose their edge,
But thou art Heaven's peculiar pledge.
Though Satan rage, thy Lord is there—
Dear soul, betake thyself to prayer.

—Margaret E. Sangster.

GEO. M. CASTLE, Preston Co., W. Va., Nov. 3, 1899, says: I have had a good deal of experience with commercial Fertilizers, having used many tons of high-priced goods bought from different manufacturers, but I have never found anything in that line superior to your "Triumph" and "Champion Giant" brands, bought from Mr. Garner, your local agent here. I used these goods on wheat, corn and buckwheat, and their results on these crops has pleased me so much that I have decided to confine myself to their use altogether whenever I need a commercial Fertilizer for any purpose whatever.

Father! replenish with Thy grace
This longing heart of mine;
Make it Thy quiet dwelling place,
Thy sacred, inmost shrine!
Forgive that oft my spirit wears
Her time and strength in trivial cares;
Enfold her in Thy changeless peace,
So she from all but Thee shall cease.

—Angelus Silesius.

JOHN D. NELSON, Kelton, Chester Co., Pa., Nov. 1, 1899, says: I have been buying some of your brands of Fertilizers from Mr. Franklin G. Evans, the agent at this place, and using them on the crops of my farm, and I am pleased to say that they have proven very satisfactory in results. I have used them again in my wheat-seeding this fall, which is an indication of my estimation of their agricultural value. Your goods seem to be popular in this neighborhood, as more of them are used here now than ever before.

Husband—"That man you've invited here used to kiss you before we were married."
Wife—"So did you."
Husband—"But I've gotten over it and he hasn't."

R. LOVETT, New London, Chester Co., Pa., Oct. 25, 1899, says: I used your "Champion Giant" (formerly "Little Giant") brand of Fertilizer, bought from Mr. Franklin G. Evans, agent at Kelton, last fall on my wheat alongside of another Fertilizer costing me much more money. I could see but little difference at harvest between the two, but if any, the "Champion Giant" had it in its favor,

"WHO IS SHE?"

A New York physician relates the following fact:

A few weeks ago he was called to the help of a man who was mortally wounded in one of the low dance-halls, or "dives," of that city. When he had attended his patient, the doctor looked curiously about him. The wounded man lay before the bar, against which lounged some drunken old sots. In the next room a few young men, flushed and bright-eyed, were playing cards, while the gaudily-dressed barmaids carried about the liquor. But neither the gamblers nor the women, nor the drunkards, paid any attention to the dying man on the floor. They squabbled and laughed, deaf to his groans. The proprietor of the dive, a burly fellow, who had been a prize-fighter in his younger days, having seen the police secure the murderer, had gone back quietly to his work of mixing drinks. Death apparently had no interest or terror for these people.

Suddenly a little old woman, with white hair, a thin shawl about her, came to the street door. Her appearance produced a startling effect. The besotted old men at the bar put down their glasses and looked uneasy; the card-players hastily shut the door to keep out of sight of her, and the barmaids huddled together in silence, but the change in the brutal landlord was most striking. He rose hastily and came up to her, an expression of something like terror on his face.

"Is James here?" she asked gently.

"No, no; he is not here. I do not know where he is," he said hurriedly.

She looked around bewildered, and said:

"I was sure he was here. If he comes, will you tell him his mother wants him, sir?"

"Yes, yes," he said—and the man urged her out of the door. The physician soon followed, and saw her going into another and another dive and grogshop along the street.

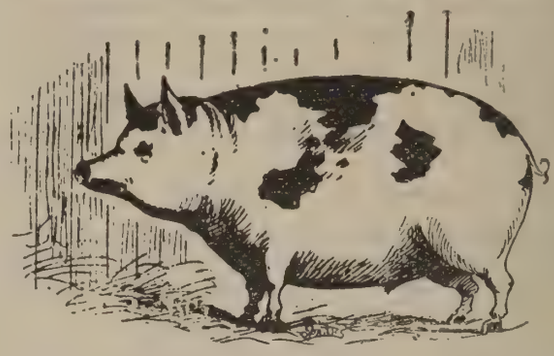
"Who is she?" he asked of a policeman outside. "Is she in no danger?"

The man shook his head significantly. "They will not harm her, sir. They've done their worst to her. She is the widow of a clergyman, and she had one son, a boy of sixteen years. They lived happy and comfortable enough till he took to going to poolrooms, and then to the variety theaters, and at last to these dives here. He was killed in one of them in a fight three months ago in that very one you was just now in, and was carried home to her, bloated from drink, covered with blood and dead. She knows nothing since. She only remembers that he came to these houses, and she goes about them searching for him every day. They are afraid to see her. They think she brings a curse on them. But they won't harm her; they've done their worst to her."

This is a true story. How many sons of loving mothers are going down like this boy into these dark places today? —Youth's Companion.

WM. GARINGER, our agent at Accident, Garrett Co., Md., writes us, under date of Oct. 23, 1899, as follows: I am very glad to say that all of our farmers to whom I sold your Fertilizers this season are well pleased with the results obtained from the use of them on their various crops.

An Article from the Pen of a Chicago Millionaire.



This is to certify that I am acquainted with hogs. Have known 'em more or less all my life. Their habits, tastes and manners are mostly always the same. The four-legged ones grunt and eat corn. The two-legged ones groan and drink (corn) whiskey. The advantages so far observed are with the four-legged ones, especially if they have been raised on corn grown by

THE ROBERT A. WOOLDRIDGE CO.'S HIGH-CLASS FERTILIZERS.

DAVID S. COBURN, Preston Co., W. Va., Oct. 20, 1899, says: Last fall I used your "Champion Giant" (formerly called "Little Giant") on my wheat crop, and at harvest this year I had a crop which surprised my neighbors, as well as all who saw it. It was universally admitted that this field and that of my neighbor (Mr. Teets) were the two best fields of wheat in the neighborhood, both crops being grown with your "Champion Giant." I think that you do well to change the name to "Champion Giant," for this Fertilizer is indeed a champion among the Fertilizer giants, and the former name was a misnomer, for in my opinion there was nothing "little" about it, except the name on the outside of the bag.

Fair Graduate—"Which is the proper expression, 'Girls are,' or 'Girls is?' "

Chorus of Schoolmates—" 'Girls are,' of course."

Fair Graduate—"Of course; pshaw! Girls, are my hat on straight?"

GEORGE W. McCARTNEY, Taylor Co., W. Va., Nov. 16, 1899, says: It gives me much pleasure to furnish you with the result of my experience in the use of your "Champion Giant" Fertilizer (formerly called "Little Giant") on the various crops grown on my farm. I have used the "Champion Giant" both on corn and Irish potatoes with the best results, it being most admirably suited to these two crops on my land, and is by far the best Fertilizer that I have ever used for corn and potatoes. This year (1899) I used "Champion Giant" on a piece of land that has been cleared up for more than eighty years, planted it in corn, and it has grown me the best kind of a crop. I do not hesitate to recommend your "Champion Giant" as being an honest and thoroughly reliable Fertilizer.

A London journal tells of a certain lady who has in her room a piece of statuary which bears the inscription, "Kismet." The housemaid was dusting the room one day, when the mistress appeared.

"Sure, ma'am," said the girl, "would you mind tellin' me the m'anin' of this writin' on the bottom of this figger?"

" 'Kismet' means 'fate,' " answered the lady.

"Sure, an' is that it?" said the girl.

A few days afterward the housemaid came limping into her mistress' room.

"Why, what is the matter with you, Bridget?" asked the lady.

"Oh, ma'am, sure an' I have the most turrible corns on me kismet!" said the girl.

EDGAR L. KINDER, Sussex Co., Del., Nov. 7, 1899, says: I have been using and selling the different brands of the Genuine Wooldridge Fertilizers (as manufactured under the formulas of your Mr. Robt. A. Wooldridge) for quite a number of years, and I have always found them to be reliable and satisfactory on all the crops to which they have been applied. In this section we are largely engaged in truck and small-fruit growing, and I find your Fertilizers particularly well adapted to that purpose, as well as to the growing of grain and grass. Among your different brands I place a very high estimate on the "Champion Giant" (formerly called "Little Giant"), particularly for use on the pea crop, for which purpose it seems to be specially adapted in this section. All of the farmers here who have used the "Champion Giant" on peas express themselves as being pleased with the results, and continue its use. For myself, I like your Fertilizers very much, and I expect to continue their use on my farm.

"I suppose it just means that he hired 'em out," was the reply of a small Sunday-school child when asked what was meant by the expression, "And the king rent his clothes."

W. F. LIDEN (of W. E.), Caroline Co., Md., Nov. 8, 1899, says: I bought of your agent at Smithville last spring some of your "Champion Giant," "Liberty Bell" and Florida Acid Phosphate, which I used on my corn in the hill, and I can honestly say that I have never grown a better crop of corn and fodder before in my life. I am satisfied that the extra crop of fodder will pay the entire cost of the Fertilizer, leaving out the fine yield of corn altogether. You can judge, then, that I am well pleased with your goods. I shall most assuredly use them again on corn next spring, and expect to continue their use indefinitely.

Here is a Georgia boy's composition on "Poetry:"

"A poem is a thing which has rhymes at the last end. A poem also has feet, but some poems don't stand steady on 'em. Poets mostly has long hair, because times is hard and it's cheaper to let it grow. Poet's used to live in garrets on a crust of bread—when the baker would credit 'em. Now they live on the ground floor, when they can escape easy when the bailiff is after 'em. My father says poetry makes the world better, but my mother says it ain't the kind he writes. Poets have a monument when they die, as people wants to weight 'em down so's they can't come back."

REUBEN KURTZ, Lincoln, Lancaster Co., Pa., Nov. 13, 1899, says: I have been buying your Fertilizers from the agent here and using them on the various crops of the farm for six successive years, and in all that time they have unfailingly given me the very best satisfaction in results, and I therefore continue to use them right along, and recommend them cheerfully to my brother farmers as being entirely worthy of their patronage.

"I think it would be a good plan to send Willie up into the country for a month," suggested Willie's father. "He's never been on a farm, and it would be rather a novel experience for him."

"No, you don't," interrupted Willie. "I've heard all about the country, an' I'm not going anywhere where they have threshing machines. It's bad enough when it's done by hand."

NOAH GROVE, Fauquier Co., Va., Oct. 24, 1898, says: I used several of your brands of Fertilizers on my corn and oats last spring, and they have all done well for me by making fine crops on land which was quite poor. I feel, therefore, as if I can recommend them to my friends and farmers generally with confidence as to their agricultural worth. These Fertilizers have not only grown my crops for me, but have left their lasting impress for good on my land, which may be plainly seen today. I am going to continue their use.

Mr. Grove writes again, Nov. 6, 1899: Referring to my letter to you of October 24, 1898, in regard to my experience in the use of your Fertilizers, I wish to say at this time that the longer I use them the better I like them. They have always done well for me on all crops to which I have applied them, including wheat, corn, oats and grass, besides permanently improving the land, and I find that all farmers in my section who have used your Fertilizers are well pleased with them. Personally I regard them as being first-class.

NOVEMBER, 11th Month.

Weeks and Days.	Remarkable Days.	Moon south. h. m.	Moon r. & s. h. m.	Moon's pl. noon. sig. deg.	Aspects of Planets, and other miscellaneous matter.	Sun fast m.	Sun rises. h. m.	Sun sets. h. m.	O. style.
Thurs.	1 *All Saints*	7 20	1 16	♒ 12	Vega sets 12 28.	16	6 50	5 10	19
Friday	2 *All Souls*	8 12	1 52	♒ 25	Algenib south 9 19.	16	6 51	5 9	20
Saturd.	3 Theophilus	9 5	3 1	♓ 8	♂ rises 11 56.	16	6 53	5 7	21
44	*21st Sunday after Trinity.*		*John* 4.		*Day's length* 10 *hours* 12 *min.*				
Sunday	4 Charlotte	9 59	4 16	♓ 20	♀ rises 3 12.	16	6 54	5 6	22
Mond.	5 Malachi	10 57	5 18	♈ 3	☽ in per. 7* so. 12 59 6. ☌♀ Virginis.	16	6 55	5 5	23
Tuesd.	6 Leonard	11 56	☽rises	♈ 15		16	6 56	5 4	24
Wedn.	7 Engelbert	morn.	5 31	♈ 27	♃ sets 6 24. ☽ in ♉.	16	6 57	5 3	25
Thurs.	8 Godfrey	12 56	6 24	♉ 9	Polaris south 10 8.	16	6 58	5 2	26
Friday	9 Theodore	1 56	7 26	♉ 21	☌♆☽. ☿ stationary.	16	6 59	5 1	27
Saturd.	10 *Mar. Luther*	2 54	8 28	♊ 3	♄ sets 7 28.	16	7 0	5 0	28
45	*22d Sunday after Trinity.*		*Matt.* 18.		*Day's length* 9 *hours* 58 *min.*				
Sunday	11 *Martin Bish.*	3 49	9 31	♊ 14	♀ rises 3 17.	16	7 1	4 59	29
Mond.	12 Jonas	4 40	10 31	♊ 26	Andromeda south 8 47.	16	7 2	4 58	30
Tuesd.	13 Winebert	5 27	11 32	♋ 8	13. ♀ in Perihelion.	16	7 3	4 57	31
Wedn.	14 Levin	6 12	morn.	♋ 20	☌☌☽. ♂ rises 11 33.	15	7 4	4 56	Nov.
Thurs.	15 Leopold	6 54	12 58	♌ 3	♃ sets 5 59.	15	7 5	4 55	3
Friday	16 Ottomarus	7 36	1 55	♌ 16	Altair sets 10 42.	15	7 6	4 54	3
Saturd.	17 Alpheus	8 17	2 22	♌ 29	☽ in apo. ♄ sets 7 4.	15	7 7	4 53	4
46	*23d Sunday after Trinity.*		*Matt.* 22		*Day's length* 9 *hours* 44 *min.*				
Sunday	18 Gelasius	8 59	3 52	♎ 12	☿ in ♌. ☌♀☽. ♀ rises 3 37.	15	7 8	4 52	5
Mond.	19 *Elizabeth*	9 43	4 39	♎ 27	Achernar south 9 37.	14	7 9	4 51	6
Tuesd.	20 Amos	10 28	5 45	♏ 12	☌☿☉ inferior.	14	7 10	4 50	7
Wedn.	21 *Off. V. Mary*	11 16	6 42	♏ 27	☌☿☽. ♂ rises 11 22. [☽ in ♌.	14	7 11	4 49	8
Thurs.	22 Cecelia	Ev 6	☽ sets	♐ 12	22. □☌☉. ☉ ents. ♐	14	7 12	4 48	9
Friday	23 Clement	12 57	5 52	♐ 27	☌♅☽. ☿ in Perihl'n. ☌♃☽.	13	7 13	4 47	10
Saturd.	24 Chrysogenes	1 50	6 49	♑ 12	☌♄☽. ♄ sets 6 40. ☾	13	7 14	4 46	11
47	*24th Sunday after Trinity.*		*Matt.* 9.		*Day's length* 9 *hours* 32 *min.*				
Sunday	25 Catharine	2 43	7 50	♑ 27	♀ rises 3 52.	13	7 14	4 46	12
Mond.	26 Conrad	3 35	8 53	♒ 11	Rigel rises 6 29.	13	7 15	4 45	13
Tuesd.	27 Jehosaphat	4 26	9 58	♒ 25	♃ sets 5 22.	12	7 16	4 44	14
Wedn.	28 Guntherus	5 16	11 6	♓ 9	♂ rises 11 9.	12	7 17	4 43	15
Thurs.	29 Saturnius	6 6	morn.	♓ 22	29. ☿ stationary.	12	7 17	4 43	16
Friday	30 *St. Andrew*	6 56	12 50	♈ 5	Algol south 10 20.	11	7 18	4 42	17

For late seeding of wheat use our Chieftain or Double Quick. These brands are very rapid forcers and will enable your crop to stool out well and get a good hold in the soil before winter sets in. There are no better fertilizers made for the purpose. You can also put on Liberty Bell Potash Mixture this month broadcast for your next year's corn crop, or on your mowing fields and permanent meadows as a top dressing. None of its strength will be lost by so doing, as it contains no ammonia to evaporate and will return you large profits on your investment.

MOON'S PHASES.

Full Moon—The 6th, 5 o'clock 54 min., evening.
Last Quarter—The 13th, 9 o'clock 32 min., evening.
New Moon—The 22d, 2 o'clock 12 min., morning.
First Quarter—The 29th, 12 o'clock 30 min., noon.

Conjectures of the Weather.

1, 2, variable; 3, 4, rain; 5, 6, 7, fair and warm; 8, 9, clear; 10, 11, 12, cloudy; 13, 14, frosty; 15, 16, rain; 17, 18, cold; 19, 20, clear; 21, 22, 23, frosty; 24, variable; 25, 26, snow; 27, 28, mild; 29, 30, windy.

THANKSGIVING.

Lord, for the erring thought
Not into evil wrought;
Lord, for the wicked will
Betrayed and baffled still;
For the heart from itself kept
Our thanksgiving accept.

For ignorant hopes that were
Broken to our blind prayer;
For pain, death, sorrow sent
Unto our chastisement;
For all loss of seeming good,
Quicken our gratitude.

W. D. Howells.

THOS. UNDERWOOD, Chester Co., Pa., Oct. 25, 1899, says: I have been using the Wooldridge Fertilizers more or less ever since 1884, and have always been satisfied with their results; have been buying them in more recent years from the agent at Kelton, Mr. Franklin G. Evans. I find these goods drill nicely, and the increased sales in the neighborhood indicate that they are bound to win. Wooldridge is continually getting new customers here and never losing an old one.

"Mr. Insite, give the class your idea of optimist and pessimist."

"Yes, sir. An optimist is a man who is happy when he's miserable, and a pessimist is a man who is miserable when he's happy."

CORNELIUS FINNEGAN, Chester Co., Pa., Oct. 25, 1899, says: I have been using your Fertilizers bought from Mr. Franklin G. Evans, agent at Kelton, for the past six years, which have been put on my different crops, and I have found them fully as satisfactory in results as any other Fertilizers I have ever had by the side of them.

LET HIM WRITE.

Let Him write what He will upon our hearts
With His unerring pen. They are His own,
Hewn from the rock by His selecting grace,
Prepared for His own glory. Let Him write.
Be sure He will not cross out one sweet word
But to inscribe a sweeter—but to grave
One that shall shine forever to His praise,
And thus fulfill our deepest heart desire.
The tearful eye at first may read the line—
"Bondage to grief!" But He shall wipe away
The tears, and clear the vision, till it read,
In ever-brightening letters, "Free to serve!"
For whom the Son makes free is free indeed.

Francs Ridley Havergal.

CAPT. HENRY I. PHILLIPS, Dorchester Co., Md., Oct. 25, 1897, says: I have handled your different brands of Fertilizers for the past two years with entire satisfaction to myself and customers. I haven't had a single word of complaint from anyone to whom I have sold them, but from all the information I have, as well as my own personal experience in the use of them, I am unmistakably led to the conclusion that your several brands of goods are remarkably adapted to the growing of the various crops for which they are designed. In my own experience of their use I can say that they have paid me fully fourfold on the investment I have from time to time made in them by the large increase in the various crops they have grown for me. I can, therefore, confidently recommend them to the favor of my farmer friends.

Captain Phillips writes again, under date of Oct. 16, 1899: I have now been using and also selling your Fertilizers in this section for several years, and it has become to be a well-established fact with our people here that they always grow good crops of vegetables, etc., where they use your valuable goods. My own personal experience in their use has always been most satisfactory, and I find it essentially necessary for me to keep a stock of them on hand, as they are always in demand when persons are looking for the best Fertilizers.

THE CHILDREN'S FEET.

The Presbyterian makes note of an English incident that is as beautiful as a "golden text." A poor woman, crossing one of the London parks, suddenly stooped and picked up something which she concealed in her apron. A policeman saw the act, and followed her. She was ragged, and her furtive manner convinced him that she was making off with some article of value, such as is frequently dropped in public places. He called to her roughly:

"Here, what have you got in your apron?"

His threatening, official tone frightened her, and she made no answer.

Feeling sure that she had hidden a pocketbook or a jewel, he told her to show what she was trying to carry away, or he would arrest her. Then the poor woman timidly unrolled her apron and revealed a handful of broken glass!

The policeman stared at it a minute, and muttered: "What in the world do you want of that rubbish?"

"I just thought I'd take it out of the way of the children's feet," she said, meekly.

When we read the gentle Master's warning never to "offend" one of His little ones—the favorites of His kingdom—it is charming to know what verb in the New Testament language the word "offend" translates. [Skandalizo—to cause to stumble.] The emblem of the child's soul-history is the passing of its tender feet. Who would leave anything in their path to hinder or hurt them?

Whether she knew it or not, the poor woman put a gospel of love into her thoughtful deed. She obeyed in spirit the divine command to the ancient prophet: "Take up the stumbling-blocks out of the way of My people."

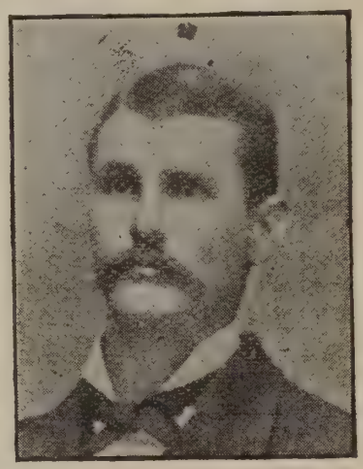
G. F. AULT, Accident, Garrett Co., Md., Nov. 3, 1899, says: I have been using your Fertilizers now for some time, and with good success. In 1898 I used your "Liberty Bell" Potash Mixture on very thin land and put it in buckwheat, using only 100 pounds to the acre at the time of seeding; the Fertilizer gave me an excellent crop of good quality. In the fall of the same year I used your "Champion Giant" Fertilizer on wheat on some very thin land at the rate of 150 pounds only to the acre. At harvest this year I realized as fine a crop of wheat as was grown anywhere in this whole country around. This fall I have used "Champion Giant" again on wheat and rye, and the growing crops are at this time looking very promising. With this satisfactory experience in the use of your goods, I take much pleasure in recommending those brands especially to any farmer in need of reliable Fertilizers. Buy them, try them and be convinced by personal test, as I have done.

Defective vision, a "mannish" costume and an ambiguous name—these were the elements of a recent bit of social comedy.

"Mr. Brownsonby," said the host at an evening reception, presenting to the principal guest a rather strong-minded young woman, who wore a collar, necktie and shirt-front of decidedly masculine appearance, "let me introduce Miss Terhune."

Mr. Brownsonby, who was somewhat nearsighted, turned to acknowledge the introduction.

"Ah, Mr. Hune," he said, extending his hand cordially, "glad to see you, sir."



ALBERT M. OTTEY, Londongrove Township, 1899, says: I have been using your Fertilizers of different brands for the past five years, chiefly on my wheat and corn crops, and they have always given me good results. I expect to continue the use of these Chester Co., Pa., Oct. 25, goods whenever requiring Fertilizers. I always buy my supply of your Fertilizers from my friend, Franklin G. Evans, agent at Kelton.

"Doan' put yer min' too much on outward decorations," said Uncle Eben. "Hit am bettah ter hab er cabbage undah you wais'coat dan er chrysanthemum in yer button-hole."

L. MEREDITH E. WILLIAMS, Baltimore Co., Md., Nov. 7, 1899, says: I used your "Champion Giant" (formerly called "Little Giant") on my potatoes and corn the present year, and on both of these crops I obtained the most satisfactory results, both as to quantity and the quality. I am certainly pleased with the use of your Fertilizers on my farm so far, and have applied the "Champion Giant" to my wheat-seeding this fall.

First Lady—"I saw your husband meet you on Fulton street yesterday, and I noticed that he removed his hat while speaking to you. I admired him for it. Very few men do that."

Second Lady—"I remember. I told him in the morning to have his hair cut, and he was showing me that he had obeyed."

ZACHARIAH FORRY, Lancaster Co., Pa., Nov. 14, 1899, says: I have been using your Fertilizers for the last six years, and always with great satisfaction as to results. This fall I bought and used your "Champion Giant" brand on my wheat, and at this time the young growth is looking very nicely and promising. There is certainly a wide difference between the growth from the Fertilizer and where it was left off in the seeding. I intend to keep right ahead in the use of your Fertilizers in the future.

RECEPTIONS AT THE WHITE HOUSE.

There is perhaps no time or place in which there is such urgent need of quickness of wit and kindly tact as at the public receptions given by the President of the United States and his wife.

When a queen receives her subjects, the etiquette is fixed and inexorable. No one speaks unless addressed by royalty. But Americans of all classes crowd into the Blue Room, many with a question or a joke which they have prepared to fire at their unprepared ruler, and they judge by the fitness of his reply whether he is competent to hold his office or not.

Many of them, too, through sheer embarrassment make foolish remarks, the memory of which probably causes them misery afterward.

One frightened lady assured Mrs. Cleveland, "It is a mutual pleasure to meet you," correcting her mistake by calling out as she was passing down the line, "I meant to say the pleasure is all on your side."

A group of students out from college on a holiday were presented to the same lady just after her entrance to the White House for the second time. One lad, a freshman, pale with diffidence, heard himself to his horror saying in a loud, squeaky tone of authority:

"Madam, *I* think you have just cause to be proud of your husband."

The other boys stared with amazement and delight, storing up the "joke on Bill" for all future time. But there was not the flicker of a smile upon the sweet, womanly face of the first lady of the land.

"Ah!" she said, gravely, still holding his hand, "you bring me the verdict of posterity! I thank you."

The freshman's comrades were delighted at the reply and at the opportunity given to chaff Bill upon the awkwardness of his address, but Bill only knew that he had seen what seemed to him the kindest woman in the world.

B. W. MASTEN, Kent Co., Del., Nov. 8, 1899, says: I have been using different brands of your Fertilizers on the various crops of my farm for quite a number of years, especially your "Liberty Bell" Potash Mixture, "Champion Giant" and Florida Acid Phosphate. Alongside of these goods I have used other well-known Fertilizers of different manufacturers, my main object being to find out which kinds were best suited to my land. After a fair and impartial test through a series of years I am convinced that the original Robt. A. Wooldridge Fertilizers as at present made by your company meet the requirements better than any others I have used. For that reason I continue to use them, almost to the entire exclusion of all others.

In some places the sight of a man in haste naturally excites remark, as in the following incident reported in the Philadelphia Call:

A son of Ireland was painting a fence. His face wore a troubled look. Suddenly a smile shot across it, and dipping the brush into the paint-pot he began to paint faster and faster.

"Why are you painting so fast?" asked a bystander. "You're in a rush all of a sudden to finish the job."

"Sure, an' thot's all right," was his reply. "I haven't much paint left, an' it's finishing the job Oi'm afther before it's all gone."

WM. MUIRE, Middlesex Co., Va., Nov. 2, 1899, says: I do not think there is any better Fertilizer now on the market for growing tomatoes with than your "Champion Giant" (formerly called "Little Giant") is. I had a fair chance to test its real worth this year by putting it on a piece of new ground just taken up and put in cultivation. I planted this land in tomatoes and used "Champion Giant" on them, and had a most satisfactory crop of fine quality.

"Sometimes," sighed the man who is wedded to a woman with a mind of her own, "I think my wife must take me for a pneumatic tire, the way she is blowing me up all the time."

J. W. FALCONER, Orange Co., Va., Nov. 4, 1899, says: I bought of your agent here last spring some of your "Champion Giant" (formerly caled "Little Giant") Fertilizer, which I used on my corn with very fine results indeed. As to the yield, I can assure you that I am greatly pleased with this brand of your Fertilizer, and believe it to be a good and reliable goods for farmers to use.

Rivers—"What do you think of that cock-and-John-Bull story about the dervishes declaring a holy war?"

Brooks—"I think dervish is father to the thought."

EUGENE C. KEEN, Chester Co., Pa., Oct. 26, 1899, says: I have used your "Champion Giant" (formerly called "Little Giant") Fertilizer on different kinds of truck crops this year, and it has given me such great satisfaction in results that I have used the same brand on my wheat-seeding this fall, and at this writing the young growth is looking very fine.

S. J. MEMAHAN, Talbot Co., Md., Nov. 4, 1899, says: I have been using the Genuine Wooldridge Fertilizers made by your company—both under the old and new brands—for a number of years, and always found them reliable. I consider them as good Fertilizers as can be made by anybody for the money at which they are sold, and it affords me much pleasure to recommend them to my neighbors and friends. I am now about to discontinue farming. If I was not I would most assuredly use them in preference to all others as long as I could get them.

DECEMBER, 12th Month.

Weeks and Days.	Remarkable Days.	Moon south. h. m.	Moon r. & s. h. m.	Moon's pl. noon. sig. deg.	Aspects of Planets, and other miscellaneous matter.	Sun fast m.	Sun rises. h. m.	Sun sets. h. m.	O. style.
Saturd.	1 Longinus	7 48	1 47	♑ 17	Arietis south 9 30.	11	7 19	4 41	18
48	*1st Sunday in Advent.*			*Matt.* 21.	*Day's length 9 hours 22 min.*				
Sunday	2 Candidus	8 42	3 7	♑ 29	♀ rises 4 8.	10	7 19	4 41	19
Mond.	3 Cassianus	9 38	4 21	♑ 12	☽ in per. ☿ gr. Hel. Lat. N.	10	7 20	4 40	20
Tuesd.	4 Barbara	10 37	5 30	♑ 24	♀ gr. Hel. Lat. N. [☽ in ♌.	10	7 21	4 39	21
Wedn.	5 Abigail	11 37	6 38	♑ 5	☌♄☉. ♂ rises 10 54.	9	7 21	4 39	22
Thurs.	6 *St. Nichol.*	morn.	☽rises	♑ 17	6. Sirius rises 8 46.	9	7 22	4 38	23
Friday	7 Agathon	12 37	6 9	♑ 29	☌♆☽. ☿Elong. W. ☿ rises 5 27	8	7 22	4 38	24
Saturd.	8 *C. V. Mary*	1 34	7 13	♒ 11	♄ sets 5 53. ◠	8	7 23	4 37	25
49	*2d Sunday in Advent.*			*Luke* 21.	*Day's length 9 hours 14 min.*				
Sunday	9 Joachim	2 28	8 16	♒ 23	7* south 10 36.	7	7 23	4 37	26
Mond.	10 Judith	1 18	9 17	♓ 5	Rigel rises 10 6.	7	7 23	4 37	27
Tuesd.	11 Barsabas	4 5	10 18	♓ 17	♀ rises 4 23.	7	7 24	4 36	28
Wedn.	12 Othilia	4 49	11 20	♓ 29	☌☌☽. ♂ rises 10 36.	6	7 24	4 36	29
Thurs.	13 Lucy	5 32	morn.	♈ 11	13. Algol so. 9 30.	6	7 24	4 36	30
Friday	14 Nicasius	6 13	12 35	♈ 25	☌♃☉. Spica ri. 2 25.	5	7 25	4 35	*Dec.*
Saturd.	15 Eusebius	6 55	1 41	♎ 8	☽ in apo. ♄ sets 5 23.	5	7 25	4 35	
50	*3d Sunday in Advent.*			*Matt.* 11.	*Day's length 9 hours 10 min.*				
Sunday	16 Ananias	7 38	2 37	♎ 21	☌☌ Leonis.	4	7 25	4 35	3
Mond.	17 Lazarus	8 22	3 32	♏ 5	Vega sets 9 35.	4	7 25	4 35	4
Tuesd.	18 Arnoldus	9 9	4 31	♏ 20	Regulus rises 9 31. [☽ in ♍	3	7 25	4 35	5
Wedn.	19 Ember Day.	9 58	5 30	♐ 5	☌♀☽. ☌♆☉. ♀ rises 4 41.	3	7 25	4 35	6
Thurs.	20 Amos	10 49	6 20	♐ 20	☌☿☽. ☌♄☽. [10 22. ◡	2	7 25	4 35	7
Friday	21 *St. Thomas*	11 42	☽ sets	♑ 5	21. ☌♃☽. ♂ rises	2	7 25	4 35	8
Saturd.	22 Beata	Ev 36	5 19	♑ 20	☉ ents. ♑. Winter begins. Shortest Day. ☌♄☽.	1	7 26	4 34	9
51	*4th Sunday in Advent.*			*John* 1.	*Day's length 9 hours 10 min.*				
Sunday	23 Dagobert	1 30	6 41	♑ 5	♄ sets 5 1.	1	7 25	4 35	10
Mond.	24 Adam, Eve	2 22	7 46	♑ 20	Markab sets 11 37.	Sun	7 25	4 35	11
Tuesd.	25 Christmas	3 13	8 55	♒ 3	♀ rises 4 58.	slo.	7 25	4 35	12
Wedn.	26 *Stephen*	4 4	10 6	♒ 17	☿ in ♑. Orion rises 5 2.	1	7 25	4 35	13
Thurs.	27 *John, Evan.*	4 54	11 12	♒ 28	Altair sets 7 47. [8 9	1	7 25	4 35	14
Friday	28 H. Innoc.	5 44	morn.	♓ 14	28. ☽ in per. Hamel south	2	7 25	4 35	15
Saturd.	29 Noah	6 36	1 30	♓ 27	☌♄☉. Formal sets 8 33.	2	7 24	4 36	16
52	*Sunday after Christmas.*			*Luke* 2.	*Day's length 9 hours 12 min.*				
Sunday	30 *N. Copern.*	7 29	2 7	♈ 9	☌☿♃. Aldebaran so. 9 49.	3	7 24	4 36	17
Mond.	31 *Sylvester*	8 25	3 15	♈ 21	♂ rises 9 44.	3	7 24	4 36	18

As this is a month of comparative leisure, the time cannot be better employed than by using our Liberty Bell Potash Mixture broadcast on all lands intended for corn next spring, as well as on mowing fields and permanent pastures. This mixture is a first-class corn and grass grower as well as land enricher, and will only act the more effectively the longer it is put on in advance of the growing season. Use **Eclipse and Golden Crown on spinach, kale and other early truck, and** **Eclipse on tobacco and other plant beds.**

MOON'S PHASES.

Full Moon—The 6th, 5 o'clock 23 min., morning.
Last Quarter—The 13th, 5 o'clock 37 min., evening.
New Moon—The 21st, 6 o'clock 56 min., evening.
First Quarter—The 28th, 8 o'clock 43 min., evening.

Conjectures of the Weather.

1, 2, mild; 3, 4, 5, misty; 6, 7, rain; 8, 9, fair; 10, 11, clear and cold; 12, 13, 14, fair; 15, 16, variable; 17, 18, rain; 19, 20, 21, frosty; 22, 23, snow; 24, 25, 26, fair and cold; 27, variable; 28, 29, 30, snow; 31, cold.

Jupiter is in conjunction with the Sun on the 14th and cannot be seen.

Saturn is in conjunction with th Sun on the 29th and cannot be seen.

CHRISTMAS SONG.

Why do bells for Christmas ring?
Why do little children sing?
Once a lovely shining star,
Seen by shepherds from afar,
Gently moved until its light
Made a manger's cradle bright.
There a darling baby lay,
Pillowed soft upon the hay,
And its mother sang and smiled,
"This is Christ, the Holy Child."
Therefore bells for Christmas ring;
Therefore little children sing.

FRANKLIN G. EVANS, Kelton, Chester Co., Pa., Oct. 30, 1899, says: We have been using your different brands of Fertilizers on this home farm for a good many years on the various crops we are in the habit of growing, and we find them just as good and reliable today as we did the very first year we used them. They have not only been entirely satisfactory in all crop productions, but have built up the land permanently besides. *All* of your brands are good. I had 500 bushels of splendid wheat this year and about 1000 bushels nice potatoes (which took first premium at the Oxford Fair) from the use of your "Triumph," and all the rest of my crops grown this year from your Fertilizers are simply *good*. There is a constant and growing demand here for these Fertilizers, as they are giving all farmers who use them complete satisfaction. I enclose you quite a number of letters from users of your Fertilizers in this section, which are true to the letter in every respect in regard to their experiences with them, and which will give you a correct idea of the great popularity of your goods. The sale of these Fertilizers for wheat this fall exceeds that of any former season by fully 50 per cent.

CHRISTMAS QUOTATIONS.

God bless us every one.—Dickens.

The world is happy, the world is wide,
Kind hearts are beating on every side.
—Lowell.

The yearly course that brings this day about
Shall never see it but a holiday.
—Shakespeare.

Who gives to whom hath naught been given,
His gift in need, though small indeed,
As is the grass-blade's wind-blown seed,
Is large as earth and rich as heaven.
—Whittier.

Awake, glad heart! Get up and sing!
It is the birthday of thy King.
—Vaughn.

I have always thought of Christmas time as a good time; a kind, forgiving, charitable, pleasant time.—Dickens.

At Christmas, play and make good cheer,
For Christmas comes but once a year.
—Trusser.

I heard the bells on Christmas day,
Their old familiar carols play,
And wild and sweet,
The words repeat,
Of "Peace on earth, good-will to men."
—Longfellow.

Not what we give, but what we share,—
The gift without the giver is bare;
He gives but worthless gold
Who gives from sense of duty.
—Lowell.

Be merry all, be merry all,
With holly dress, and festive hall;
Prepare the song, the feast, the ball,
To welcome Merry Christmas!
—H. R. Spencer.

HENRY C. RILEY, Preston Co., W. Va., Nov. 6, 1899, says: I used the Robt. A. Wooldridge Co.'s High-Grade Fertilizers on corn and buckwheat for the first time this year, having bought them from Mr. W. Scott Garner, the local agent at this point, and I am very much pleased to say that I never before had better results from the use of any Fertilizer that I ever tried than from these goods. I shall hereafter not only use them myself, but also heartily recommend them to other farmers. They are reasonable in price, and can be depended on for profitable results in the field.

GENERAL DIRECTIONS FOR USING.

While it is almost impossible to direct the farmer strictly aright in the application of any kind of manure, especially in the absence of a knowledge of the conditions surrounding him, such as the nature of his soil, climate, etc., yet we give below such directions and make such recommendations for the use of our various brands as time and our long experience has clearly shown to be the most profitable as well as the most economical, all things considered, that the farmer can possibly use on his different crops. Of course, in the application of these Fertilizers the farmer must be governed as to quantity by the strength of his land and the kind of crop he proposes to grow. All truck crops being of rapid growth, they require a much larger application than grain and grass crops; but in either event we only desire our patrons *to put on the usual quantity of our goods that they are in the habit of doing of others*, and we feel assured that they will at once be convinced that they have no superiors by the satisfactory results they will produce. We wish to add that whenever practicable we would suggest that a part of our Fertilizers be put on for all crops broadcast, as they are very durable in the land, and will not by any means all be taken up in one crop, and will, therefore, give back to the farmer an additional profit on his investment in the succeeding crops to which the land may be put.

OATS.

Put on from 400 to 500 pounds of "Liberty Bell" Potash Mixture or "Old Sledge" to the acre with the drill at the time of seeding, or, where the grain is sown broadcast, apply the same quantity of Fertilizer, and plow all under together, finishing up with the harrow. If "Champion Giant" is used on this crop, from 200 to 300 pounds will be sufficient, applied as above directed. If the land is in a good state of fertility, or if a dressing of farm manure has been put on, one-half or two-thirds of the quantity of Fertilizer mentioned will be found sufficient.

WHEAT.

For the wheat crop we recommend our "Champion Giant," "Chieftain," "Buffalo" or "Triumph" brands, some sections of our territory preferring some one of these brands to the others; but they each have their warm admirers and earnest advocates in certain portions of the country. On all lands seeded to wheat, where no farm manure has been put on, an application of from 300 to 500 pounds of Fertilizers to the acre (*according to the quality of the land*), put on with the drill at the time of seeding, will be found ample to secure a satisfactory yield of grain and a good stand of grass afterwards. If the wheat is sown by hand broadcast, apply the Fertilizer in the same way and plow all under together. If the land is in a good state of fertility, or if an application of farm manure has been made to the land, one-half or two-thirds of the quantity will be found sufficient.

CORN.

For this important crop we specially recommend our "Liberty Bell' Potash Mixture, "Old Sledge" and "Champion Giant" Fertilizers broadcast in place of farm manure, to be applied after the land has been plowed and gotten ready for the crop, and harrowed in, in quantities of from 300 to 500 pounds to the acre, according to the strength of the land. This method of application will be found more profitable than to apply it on the sod and turn it under, as the feeding roots of the corn come more directly in contact with the Fertilizers, and thus feed the crop at every stage of its growth. Where the farmer desires to *hill-dress his corn only* we strongly advise him to use our "Triumph," as it contains a large percentage of Potash and Bone Phosphate of Lime with which to do the earing work of his crop. "Triumph" will also promptly force the young corn out of the way of the cutworm when it first comes up. Apply a handful to every two or three hills of corn and mix with the soil before dropping the seed. Where the planting is done by drilling in rows, apply from 300 to 500 pounds to the acre immediately down the row. Where farm manure has been put on broadcast, from one-half to two-thirds of that quantity (according to the strength of the land) will be found sufficient.

RYE.

For the growing of this crop farmers will find our "Champion Giant" and "Chieftain" brands best suited to their wants. Put on from 400 to 500 pounds to the acre where no farm manure has been used broadcast, or from one-half to two-thirds of that quantity, according to the fertility of the land, over manure. Where the rye is sown by hand apply the Fertilizer in the same manner and plow or harrow in altogether, or use same quantity of Fertilizer in drill with the grain if the seeding be done in that manner. "Champion Giant" and "Chieftain" will bring splendid crops of grass after rye if grass seed be sown with the grain or early in the following spring.

BUCKWHEAT.

Use our "Liberty Bell" Potash Mixture, "Old Sledge" or "Champion Giant" Fertilizer in growing buckwheat. They are low in price, but very effective in results. Put on from 400 to 500 pounds to the acre, according to the strength of the land, and plow under with the grain where the seed has been sown by hand, or the same quantity where the seed is drilled in. One-half to two-thirds of this quantity will answer over manure of any kind. Our "Chieftain" and "Buffalo" brands may also be used in growing buckwheat and in much less quantities to the acre.

TOP-DRESSING GRASS.

Farmers cannot do better for top-dressing their mowing fields or permanent meadows than by using our "Liberty Bell" Potash Mixture. It can be put on in the fall or winter or after the grass has been cut in summer, or used on young grass fields after the wheat has been cut from over it. The longer it is on ahead of harvest time the better. "Liberty Bell" is a specialty for this crop, and is very cheap in price

TOBACCO.

For the tobacco crop we unhesitatingly recommend our "Triumph," "Double Quick," "Special Potato" or "Sweepstakes" brands on account of the very large quantity of actual potash which they contain, and yet there are certain sections of our territory in which the most satisfactory results have been obtained on the tobacco crop from the use of our "Champion Giant" and "Chieftain." Apply from 800 to 1200 pounds of Fertilizer to the acre (*according to the strength of the land*), one-half broadcast, the balance in the row at planting time. Prepare the land thoroughly, cultivate the crop cleanly, and with anything like a fair season the Fertilizer will do the rest. If farm manure has been used on the land a much smaller quantity will be sufficient, say from one-half to two-thirds of the quantity specified above.

IRISH POTATOES.

In growing Irish potatoes, where earliness of production in connection with large yields is the main consideration with the grower, we specially advise the use of either our "Sweepstakes" or "Golden Crown," as they both possess strong forcing strength in ammonia to mature the crop rapidly for an early market. Liberal applications of Fertilizer in the growing of Irish potatoes will always pay the most profit, as the crop is a strong feeder of plant food. Put on from 600 to 1000 pounds to the acre (*according to the strength of the land*), using from one-half to two-thirds of it down the row, mixed with the soil, and the balance broadcast. By this method an additional profit will be obtained from succeeding crops of grain and grass to which the lands may be put. Where farm manure has been applied broadcast it will only be necessary to use the Fertilizer in the drill row, and in less quantities, according to the farmer's judgment. In all sections where successful competition cannot be made in early production with more southern latitudes, but where large yields are desirable at a minimum of cost, we recommend our "Special Potato" and "Triumph" brands as being thoroughly capable of supplying the needed want; they have been fully tested satisfactorily. Apply them in the same manner and quantities as we have above given for "Sweeepstakes" and "Golden Crown."

SWEET POTATOES.

For sweet potatoes use our "Chieftain," which is a specialty for that crop. Apply from 500 to 900 pounds to the acre in the row, cover with two furrows of the plow, and set the plant. Where other manures have been broadcasted over the land the quantity of "Chieftain" in the row may be lessened to suit conditions as to the fertility of the land.

TRUCK CROPS.

Truck crops of all kinds occupy the ground but a short time in growing, and are necessarily strong feeders of plant food. This should be liberally supplied with the best that can be had and in a manner that will best enable the growing crop to appropriate it for its sustenance during the entire period of growth. Strict regard to this, together with proper cultivation and a good season, will bring success. Most any of our brands of standard goods can be used with fair profit in growing trucks, but we are satisfied from long experience that our higher grades are the most profitable to apply, as their forcing power is greater, which brings the crop to a much earlier maturity. Every trucker knows the advantage gained in this respect, as a few days makes a vital difference in the market price and seriously affects the profits. Therefore, use our best grades in your truck-growing, which are our "Sweepstakes," "Golden Crown" and "Eclipse" brands. These goods will mature your crop with astonishing rapidity and give you a big yield. For onions, radishes, turnips, cabbage, kale, spinach, beans, etc., in fact, in general trucking, put on from 800 to 1000 pounds to the acre, one-half broadcast and the balance in the row or around the plant as you are accustomed to doing with other Fertilizers. Never set a plant or tree in manure of any kind, but let it root in its natural soil and put the Fertilizer around it or on top of the ground; the rains will do the distributing of its strength. The quantity of these goods can, of course, be lessened where farm manure has been broadcasted on the land and their use confined to the row or hill, if so desired.

PEAS.

For the profitable growing of this crop we advise the use of our "Triumph" and "Double Quick" brands. They have long been used for this purpose all over our territory of trade, and have never failed to give the utmost satisfaction, as they contain the correct formula required for pea growth. Apply for best results from 600 to 800 pounds to the acre, after thoroughly preparing the land, one-half broadcast, and harrowed in, balance in the row at planting time, or one-half to two-thirds of this quantity if farm manure has been broadcasted.

STRAWBERRIES, BLACKBERRIES, ETC.

In setting out new strawberry fields use our "Triumph" or "Double Quick," which brands we consider from long experience to be best suited to the purpose. Put on from 800 to 1000 pounds to the acre, one-half broadcast, balance in the row and mixed with the soil before setting the plants, or around the plant on top of the ground after it is set. We do not think farm manure of any kind should ever be used in small-berry growing, as it produces so many weeds from the seed usually in it, which are difficult to keep under, especially in strawberry culture. Keep all berry fields well drained and cleanly cultivated. In setting out blackberry, raspberry plants, etc., use the same quantity as for strawberries and in the same manner. For top-dressing old strawberry fields use our "Champion Giant" or "Liberty Bell" Potash Mixture; apply from 400 to 600 pounds to the acre immediately on top of the growing plants in the row when they are perfectly dry and free from dew or rain. On old blackberry and raspberry fields, etc., use same quantity *between the rows* and harrow in. The Fertilizer may be put on at any time, the further in advance of the crop the better.

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TOMATOES.

For growing tomatoes we have nothing better to offer, nor do we think better Fertilizers can possibly be found, than our "Triumph" and "Special Potato" brands. While they are both very active in the soil, they also contain a large percentage of Potash, which is absolutely required in growing heavy, solid fruit. This is of the utmost importance to farmers growing tomatoes to be sold by weight to canners, etc. Put on from 600 to 800 pounds to the acre where no farm manure has been used (or from one-half to two-thirds of that quantity where it has), putting on two-thirds of the Fertilizer broadcast, and harrowing it in, and the balance around the plant after it has been set in the ground and covered.

ASPARAGUS.

In setting out asparagus fields use our "Triumph" or "Special Potato" Fertilizer. They have large quantities of Potash, which asparagus requires. Put on from 800 to 1000 pounds to the acre to insure rapid growth. Apply one-third broadcast and the balance in the trenches, mixed well with the soil, before setting the plant. Drain the land thoroughly of all surplus moisture and cultivate cleanly. For top-dressing old asparagus fields use our "Champion Giant" or "Liberty Bell" Potash Mixture, putting on from 400 to 600 pounds to the acre immediately down the row over the crown of the plant. Late summer or early fall is a much better time for the application than later on, as the coming crop of asparagus will be much larger than if delayed until winter sets in.

MELONS.

For the growing of melons of all kinds, including pumpkins, squash, etc., as well as watermelons and cantaloupes, we strongly advise the use of our "Triumph," "Special Potato" or "Sweepstakes" brands as being specially capable of doing the most satisfactory work. Either one of the three can be confidently relied upon, but if extra earliness of production is desired our "Sweepstakes" brand is much to be preferred, as it is stronger in Ammonia and Potash, which create more forcing power to carry the crop rapidly forward to an early maturity. Apply a good-size handful to each hill at the time of planting, mixing it well with the soil before dropping the seed, and an additional handful, well scattered around the growing plants, at the time of starting their runners, raking it in the soil with a light rake. Keep the land free of all surplus moisture, cultivate cleanly, and with a fair season success may be confidently looked for if our directions are followed.

A lady bought a paper of a ragged newsboy and dropped with a smile a few extra pennies in his sooty hand, saying, "Buy you a pair of mittens; aren't you cold?"

He replied, "Not since you smiled."

A smile is to a sick heart what a tropic sun is to a sick body.

A person who is much given to criticising the faults of others must expect to meet with a sharp rejoinder occasionally. A man of this sort who was often as foolish as he was pretentious, was once asked this question: "Don't you spend a great deal of your time in denying other people's intelligence?"

"Yes," said the boaster, "I go around putting the dunce-cap on other people's heads."

"Aren't you afraid you'll catch cold?" asked the other, quietly.

GEO. E. WRIGHTSON, Talbot Co., Md., Oct. 24, 1898, says: I used your "Champion Giant" (formerly called "Little Giant") Fertilizer last fall on my wheat-seeding at the rate of about 200 pounds to the acre, and although, as every farmer knows, the wheat crop has been a short one everywhere, "Champion Giant" has done me good service, better, in fact, than any other Fertilizer I have ever used on wheat. The yield on a part of my land was twenty-five bushels to the acre, which I consider a good yield for the land and season. I believe "Champion Giant" to be a first-class Fertilizer for wheat, and I have used seven tons of it again this fall on wheat.

Mr. Wrightson writes again, Oct. 30, 1899: After another year's experience in the use of your Fertilizers I can not only reaffirm all that I said in reference to them in my letter of October 24, 1898, but am pleased to add that I prefer them to *any others that are now made*, as I find them certainly capable of building the land up as well as to grow good crops. I used your "Champion Giant" last spring on corn drilled in on some very thin land, and it has made me a very good crop. I have the same brand on wheat this fall, and the young growth at this time is the largest and finest that I have seen in this community. One of my fields now in wheat has been seeded for *four years consecutively*, and it gets better every time. The growth now is larger and better than ever before at this time of year. I am advising my friends and neighbors to use your Fertilizers, as I believe them to be the best they can get.

A lady who kept poultry had, among others, some Andalusian fowls. One day she had one killed for dinner, which proved to be very tough.

"Rachel," she said to her servant, an elderly woman who had been with her some time, "what fowl is this? It seems to be a very old one."

"Well, mum," replied she, "it's one of them there antediluvians."

M. A. NUNN, Guinea, Caroline Co., Va., Oct. 20, 1899, says: I find that wherever your Fertilizers have been tested by our farmers here they have given entire satisfaction, and are therefore self-advertising by their results. I simply regard them as a blessing to farmers and all who cultivate the soil, and can say that as the best remedies are always the most effective for a run-down and weakened system, so are your Fertilizers for poor land—they build it up and make it productive.

WANTED TO BE CALLED.

The Park Avenue trolley line in the city of Rochester is crossed by three consecutive streets which bear masculine surnames. An Irishman with a carpet-bag entered one of the cars the other day, and sat down gingerly near the door. Four or five other men completed the list of passengers. The car swung around the corner of Chestnut street.

"James," shouted the conductor. A man signaled him, the car stopped and the man alighted. A half-minute afterward the car neared another cross street.

"William," announced the conductor. Another man got out. The Irishman's eyes grew visibly larger.

"Alexander," shouted the conductor. The third man left the car.

When it had started on the Irishman arose, and approached the conductor.

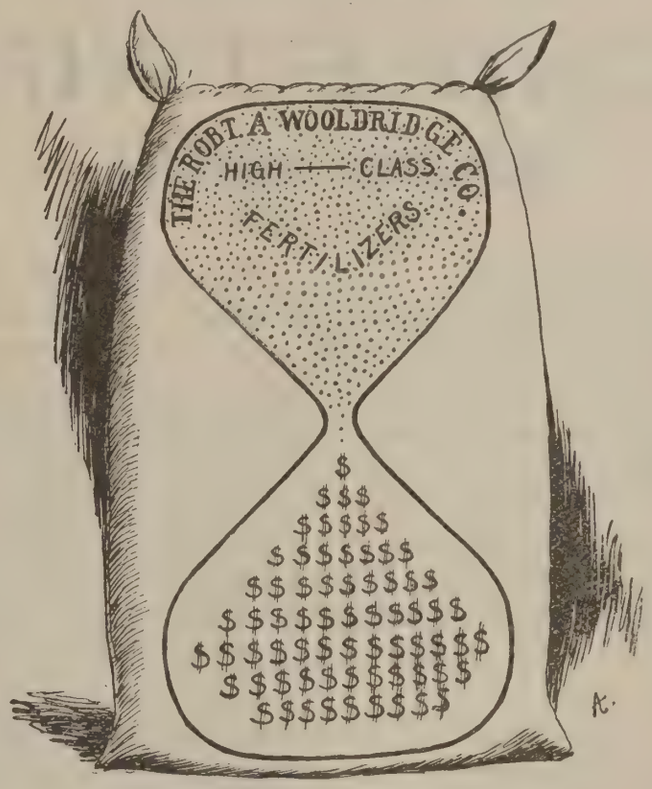
"Oi want to git out at Avnoo B," he said. "Me foorsht name is Michael."

WILLIAM C. KING, King's Valley, Montgomery Co., Md., Nov. 1, 1899, says: I have been using your different brands of Fertilizers on the various crops of my farm for the past seven or eight years with most excellent results, and I expect to continue the use of them in the future as long as they give me the same satisfaction as they have done in the past.

"Folks dat insists on habbin' dar own way," said Uncle Eben, "runs a good deal o' risk in not habbin' no one ter blame when fings goes wrong."

J. A. BEEGHLY, Garrett Co., Md., Nov. 6, 1899, says: I applied your "Liberty Bell" Potash Mixture on my wheat last fall, and the "Champion Giant" brand on my oats last spring, and I take great pleasure in saying that both brands have given me entire satisfaction in their results, and from this experience with them, I have full confidence to believe that I can rely upon them at all times to give me a profitable return for the outlay whenever I may use them on my different crops. My present grass set where I used these Fertilizers is very fine.

FROM DUST TO DOLLARS.



Time turns dust to dollars, especially if, in autumn time, you use the Robert A. Wooldridge High-Class Fertilizers (dust-fine) for the purpose. These well-known and always popular goods are of faultless formula, perfect in preparation and packing, and are ready for use the day and hour they are received, or will keep in fine condition for use at time of convenience. They tone and nourish the soil and give a continuous growing energy to the ground which surprises all who have used them.

THEIR MISSION IS TO
TURN DUST TO DOLLARS,
AND THEY DO IT.

REMEMBER, this refers to the Genuine Wooldridge High-Class Fertilizers as made and sold by the Robert A. Wooldridge Co. All other (so-called) Wooldridge Fertilizers are FRAUDS, and are simply attempts to win trade on OUR PAST REPUTATION in order to dispose of Fertilizers that could not be sold so well under *other names*.

Beware of "imitations," and see that you get the "Original and ONLY" Wooldridge goods.

A soldier who remarked he had been in seven engagements was interrupted by a small boy, who said his sister had been engaged eleven times.

WOOLDRIDGE'S
CHIEFTAIN
HIGH-GRADE PHOSPHATE.

"CHIEFTAIN" is one of our best-known and most popular brands of Fertilizers. Its component parts are so well balanced and evenly adjusted as to make it in the truest sense the farmer's friend in the growing of his wheat and grass crops, as well as other crops of the farm herein named.

Primarily "CHIEFTAIN" is a special Fertilizer for the grain and grass crops, and among our oldest customers it is held in the highest esteem for that purpose, many of them having excluded all other brands in the seeding of their wheat, oats, rye and grass crops.

In the growing of wheat it is of special value, particularly where the seeding, from any cause whatever, has been delayed, as its liberal percentage of ammonia acts with great promptness in forcing the young plants to a strong and vigorous growth before the rigors of winter set in, thereby enabling them to resist the more effectually the action of the freezing and thawing weather incident to that season of the year. Every farmer knows full well the great advantage of having his young wheat growth well rooted and stooled out during the season of growth in the fall, as it holds in the ground better and is not near so liable to winter-kill or be thrown out by the action of the frost. It is for just such purposes and to reach this desirable end that "CHIEFTAIN" was originally designed by us and put on the market. The unexampled success that has attended its use in that respect justifies us in saying that it has fully met the public want.

While its greatest achievements have been recorded in the growing of the above-named crops, we have many customers who have used "CHIEFTAIN" with the most satisfactory results on sweet potatoes (on which crop in lower Virginia and the eastern portion of North Carolina it has no equal), and also on tobacco, cotton, etc., in other portions of our territory.

Crops of tobacco grown with "CHIEFTAIN" are always of the finest quality and texture, ripening up uniformly and evenly, while its success in growing sweet potatoes of extra good grade and yield is universally recognized wherever it has been used.

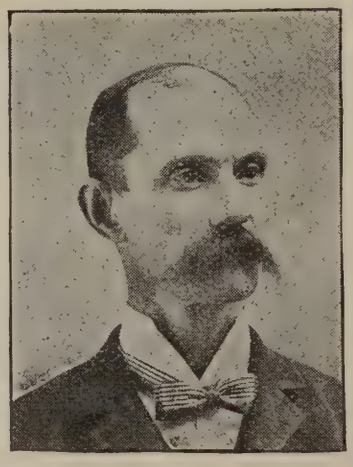
This particular grade of goods (under our OWN formula) has now been before the farming community for many years, has been subjected to the severest tests in the soil in competition with other highly-exploited goods (some of which are sold chiefly for the brand on the outside of the bag), and each succeeding year of its use has but added to its victories, while its sales continue to increase with surprising regularity in sections where once introduced.

We most earnestly advise our farmer friends who want a good reliable Fertilizer on the farm to grow the crops we name to give our "CHIEFTAIN" a trial by the side of any of their favorites—the same money value to the acre—and see what it will do for them. Our word for it, if once used it will be wanted again always thereafter.

Mother—"What's the reason you and your little brother Harry can't get along without quarrelling?"

Minnie—"I don't know, unless it's because I take after you and Harry takes after papa."

CRITTENDEN KING, King's Valley, Montgomery Co., Md., Oct. 25, 1899, says: After having used and sold your Fertilizers here for the past twelve or fifteen years, I can say that I like them now better than ever, because they have stood the test always successfully. This has been a year of storm and disaster with us, but still I am by no means discouraged. My crop of wheat, on which I had used your goods, was destroyed entirely by a hailstorm on the ninth day of June, and my young corn greatly damaged, but as I had such a liberal amount of your Fertilizer on it at planting time it soon recovered and has given me a splendid crop of from eleven to twelve barrels to the acre, which is a fine yield in any season. I use your "Chieftain" and "Triumph" brands constantly on my tobacco, both on the plant beds and for growing the crop in the field, and they never fail to make me a splendid crop. I have "Chieftain" and other brands of yours on my wheat this fall, and am glad to say that the sales of your Fertilizers increase here every year. They have given perfect satisfaction to me and my customers.



"REDUCED" AND "MARKED DOWN."

At a recent meeting at the association, while its president was addressing the audience of 900 unfortunate, discouraged men, most of whom were wrecked and ruined by rum, after telling them of the utter folly of carrying their hard-earned money to the saloon-keeper, among other things he said: "Manufacturers and merchants like to display their products in their windows. Millinery, dresses, clothing of all kinds and of the most beautiful styles and patterns, hats, caps, neckwear, musical instruments, hardware—in fact, every conceivable kind of manufacture except one—are thus displayed, and men and women are usually proud of their products. Not so with the place commonly called a 'saloon;' a better name is the 'rum mill,' not that they manufacture rum, but that they manufacture drunkards. Why not have a large show-window in such places, and put therein six or eight samples of drunken debauchery and ruin, and put on a large show-card: Samples of our work; these are what we make here; these have been reduced; these have been marked down:

"From sober men to miserable drunkards.

"From a life of honor to one of shame.

"From a life of health to one of disease.

"From an upright life to one of disgrace and crime.

"From a life of respectability to one of dishonor.

"From a life of ease, comfort and plenty to one of privation, hardship and squalor.

"From a life of sweetness to one of bitterness.

"From a life of rejoicing to one of mourning.

"From a life of blessed hope to one of hopelessness and despair.

"From everything that is good to everything that is bad.

"These have been 'reduced' and 'marked down' and are now valued at $0000 less than nothing."

JOHN B. NICKERSON, Kent Co., Del., Nov. 5, 1899, says: I was the first man in this section of Delaware to use and sell your Fertilizers. This was in the spring of 1886, and I have kept on using and selling them spring and fall ever since. I certainly should not have done this, for so long a time at least, had I not been well convinced in my very first experience with them that they possessed intrinsic agricultural value. This my experience teaches me is of a high order. I believe they are land-builders as well as crop-growers, and can always be relied upon on crops with anything like a favorable season and where proper cultivation and attention has been given to the crop. Your goods of the different grades that I have been supplying the farmers here with during the long time I have been handling them have given general satisfaction, and I number among my present customers many who bought from me the very first season that I sold them, in 1886. I think this is ample proof of the satisfaction your goods have given here. I have used your "Chieftain" brand on all of my wheat-seeding this fall, and have sold that and other brands of yours to my customers to go on their wheat, and we expect to realize a good profit from them with a fair season, as we usually do. I expect to keep on with your Fertilizers as I have been doing.

God liveth ever!
Wherefore, soul, despair thou never!
What though thou tread with bleeding feet
A thorny path of grief and gloom?
Thy God will choose the way most meet
To lead thee heavenward, lead thee home.
For this life's long night of sadness
He will give thee peace and gladness;
Soul, remember in thy pains,
God o'er all forever reigns.

W. H. CROSBY, Tolchester, Kent Co., Md., Oct. 30, 1899, says: I have been using Fertilizers for the last thirty years, and in that time have tried a good many brands of different manufacturers, but since assuming the management of this Tolchester farm have confined myself to the brands made by your company, mainly "Triumph," "Chieftain" and "Champion Giant," and they have given me the utmost satisfaction in results. My wheat crop this year from the use of "Chieftain" and "Champion Giant" last fall was the largest *this farm has ever before produced*, and my hay crop, from prior use of your goods, was also enormously heavy. I may say that this farm has really been permanently built up to its present producing capacity mainly by the regular and persistent use of your Fertilizers through a series of years. My uncle, the late Wm. P. Crosby, former manager of this farm, was an ardent advocate of the Wooldridge Fertilizers, and used them largely and continuously up to the time of his death. The farm was much run down and poor when he assumed control, but by good management and a judicious use of your Fertilizers it was gradually and rapidly brought back to a profitable state of fertility. I am pursuing the same policy that he did by clinging to the Wooldridge goods, feeling assured from my experience with them that they will bring the answer every time, both on the crops and on the steady improvement of the land.

She—"Sometimes you seem very manly, and at other times almost effeminate. What is the reason?"

He—"I suppose it is heredity. Half of my ancestors were males and the other half females."

CHAS. W. NEBAUGH, Carroll Co., Md., Oct. 26, 1899, says: I used your "Chieftain" Fertilizer on my wheat last fall, and harvested this year about twenty bushels to the acre. I am well pleased with the result, as I consider that it has done well for me, considering the season. I am using your Fertilizers again on wheat this fall.

PARSIMONY REBUKED.

As a rule, the Southern negro is more subservient than his Northern brother, but in North or South they have their rights, and courtesy is one of them. Here is a ludicrous story of how a little Florida darkey resented an apparent slight:

A little negro gamin saw a stump of a cigar fall on the sidewalk in front of a store, and made a frantic grab for it. When he had it safely corralled, he rolled his eyes around the points of the compass to see if any other gamins had seen the stump fall.

Then, brushing off the ash and dust, he went into the store and said:

"Boss, gimme a match, please, sah."

"Matches are not here to give away, but to sell," said the amused proprietor, assuming a look of sternness.

"Dey is, eh?"

"That's what they are."

"Well, how much is dey 'er box?"

"One cent."

The gamin tilted the stump in one corner of his mouth, held to the band of his pantaloons with one hand, ran the other hand in his pocket and pulled forth a copper.

"Gimme a box," and he laid down a cent.

He got a box, struck a match, lit the stump so well that it poured forth volumes of smoke, and then, handing the box back, assumed a look of intense severity.

"Put dat box on de sheff," he said, "an' de nex' time a gemmen ax you fer a match you gin him one outen my box."

JOHN W. CLARK, Unionville, Orange Co., Va., Oct. 18, 1899, says: It affords me much pleasure to give my testimony as to the good results I have obtained from the use of your Fertilizers on my farm. I used two of your brands on my wheat last fall—"Chieftain" and "Triumph"—and, while the general crop of wheat in this section was not a good one, I raised a very fair crop, which is given up by all our farmers to be the best one grown here this year. My stand of grass on the land is *perfect*. I was so favorably impressed with the good results I received on my wheat and grass both that I used the "Chieftain" again this fall on my wheat, which I have just finished seeding. I also used your "Liberty Bell" on oats last spring with much satisfaction.

Aunt Mandy (at concert)—"Now, what's the next thing to be done?"

Uncle Josiah—"They're goin' to sing 'For a Thousand Years.'"

Aunt Mandy—"For the land's sake, Josiah! You'd better sell the tickets or telegraph the children what's keepin' us!"

RAISED ON WHEAT

Grown by the Robert A. Wooldridge Company's Strictly High-Class Fertilizers.

What do you think of me, my sirs—
Of me, a farmer's little man?
Can I say a word for Fertilizers?
I know you all will say I can.
They tell me Wooldridge helped raise me—
Robert A. is the Wooldridge man I know,
And if the people all praise me,
His High-Class goods I'll praise, you know,
Because my papa says it's so,
That his are the very best goods that go.

Simkins—"What makes your nose so red, Timkins?"

Timkins—"It glows with pride, sir, at not poking itself into other people's business."

SYLVESTER CLOUSE, Chester Co., Pa., Oct. 26, 1899, says: I have now been selling your "Triumph" and "Champion Giant" brands of Fertilizers for the past two years, and every farmer to whom I have sold them is well pleased with the results obtained from their use. All persons who bought them the first year I handled them have bought and used them ever since. This is the best evidence I can give you as to the reputation your goods have here at this time.

HOW IT WAS NAMED.

Everybody knows the pretty little forget-me-not and likes the flower more, perhaps, because of its name than its beauty.

How was it so called? The Germans account for it by quite a pathetic romance.

It seems that once upon a time a knight and lady were walking by the bank of the Danube, when the latter asked her "gallant gay" to pluck for her a tiny blue flower which she saw growing in the stream. No sooner said than done, but the knight, overbalancing, fell into the river, and owing to the slippery nature of the bank and the weight of his own armor was carried away by the current. As he threw the flowers ashore to his lady he cried out with his last breath, "Vergiss mein nicht!" (Forget-me-not!") And ever since the flower has been looked on as the emblem of fidelity.

J. M. ARTHURS, Kent Co., Del., Nov. 10, 1898, says: The best evidence in the world of the superiority of your goods is in my sales of them, which, as you know, continue to steadily increase every year. Notwithstanding the very close competition I have to contend with and the numbers of other makes on the market—all claiming to be the best—I find those farmers who have used your goods year after year continue to buy them. This would not be the case if other Fertilizers were as they claim—*the best.* There are several degrees of good, but, as a matter of fact, one only—one standard of *best* when applied to Fertilizers. I think that this standard can with absolute correctness be applied to the Robt. A. Wooldridge Co.'s high-grade goods. The brands I mostly sell to my customers are the "Liberty Bell," "Champion Giant" and "Triumph," all of which seem to suit exactly our peninsular soils.

Mr. Arthurs writes again, Nov. 8, 1899: I am pleased to reaffirm all that I have ever heretofore said or experienced in the sale of your Fertilizers. My sales continue to increase every year rather than to diminish, which is the very best evidence of their true merit. The same farmers that have been using them for a long number of years continue to buy and use them every season right along. Comment is unnecessary.

"The sun never sets on England's dominions," remarked the boasting Britisher.

"England reminds me of an old hen," responded the Yankee.

"Why?" demanded the Britisher, angrily.

"A hen's son never sets, either."

CHIEFTAIN

BONE STOCK PHOSPHATE

MANUFACTURED BY

THE ROBERT A. WOOLDRIDGE CO.

BALTIMORE, MD.

GUARANTEED ANALYSIS:

Ammonia (derived from meat and high-grade tankage)	2.00 to 2.50
Potash (K_2O) (derived from high-grade muriate)	2.00 to 2.50
Equal to sulphate of potash	4.00 to 5.00
Phosphoric acid, available (derived from bone stock)	9.00 to 10.00
Phosphoric acid, insoluble	1.50 to 2.00
Equal to bone phosphate of lime	20.00 to 22.00

D. P. HUGHES, Orange Co., Va., Oct. 16, 1899, says: I do not think anyone will run any doubtful risk in buying and using the Original Wooldridge Fertilizers as made at present by your company, and I can therefore confidently recommend them to all farmers as being worthy of their patronage. I have given these goods a fair test now for several years, and the results have always been perfectly satisfactory to me, especially in the growing of wheat, corn and grass. Your "Chieftain" and "Champion Giant" brands are especial favorites with me, as they seem to suit my land exactly. I think that all industrious and progressive farmers who desire to reap bountiful harvests and realize handsome profits on their investments should use your Fertilizers, as my personal experience leads me to believe that they will not be disappointed in so doing.

MR. AND MRS. BOWSER.

They Enjoy a Quiet Evening Over a Game of Cards.

"Smith was asking me today," said Mr. Bowser, as he laid down his evening paper, "if we wouldn't drop over some evening and have a four-hand game of euchre with them."

"Why, I should like to go over any evening," replied Mrs. Bowser.

"He and his wife play most every evening."

"Yes?"

"If you only knew how to play we might have a game now and then."

"I have been told that I play fairly well," she quietly replied.

"Have, eh! I suppose we might have a game or two, though, of course, I can play my cards with my eyes shut."

"If I win more games than you do—you won't—you won't feel put out?" she asked as they sat down to the table.

"Good lands! but what is the woman talking about? Mrs. Bowser, I've played more games of euchre than you've got hairs in your head, and no one ever knew me to feel anything but serene. A husband who can't play a game of cards with his wife without getting mad had better hang up. Go ahead and deal. The poorest player always has the deal. Hearts is trump, eh? Ah, ha! I will proceed to lead this."

Mr. Bowser had a good hand and scored a march, and after counting up he leaned back and laughed and asked:

"Any other little game that you can play better than this, Mrs. Bowser?"

He dealt and scored another point, and chuckled some more, and when the game was finished she had scored only one point.

"Beginning to get red in the face already—ha! ha! ha!" he laughed. "You have promised not to get mad, though, and I shall hold you to it."

She had nothing to say, but scored a march on the new game. Mr. Bowser tried hard to laugh, but three or four minutes later, when the game was finished and she clapped her hands and shouted, "Chicago!" there wasn't a sign of a smile on his face as he replied:

"Do you want to wake up the whole town? Perhaps you don't know that I gave you that game just to encourage you. You looked ready to cry."

"Please don't give me any more."

"Don't you worry! You don't get another single point tonight."

She did, though. She got the first point on the new game, and he began to look very sober. He brightened up a little when he scored one, but that was all he got on the game.

"That's even games, and I'm a 'Chicago' ahead!" she exclaimed, as she counted.

"Oh, it is, eh? It's a wonder you didn't get the other game as well! Swindling and cheating at cards doesn't seem to trouble some people's consciences!"

"But I didn't cheat!"

"Um! Don't try it again, Mrs. Bowser! Spades is trump, and what do you do?"

"I order you up."

"Order me up! What's that for?"

"Because it's the best I've got."

"You can't do it! You have got to pass!"

"No, I haven't. If I think I can make a point I can order you up, of course."

"I don't believe it, but rather than have a great fuss over it I'll take it up. What are you leading the right bower for?"

"I want to take all the tricks. I can lead any way I want to, can't I?"

"Oh, well, go ahead and see how you'll come out!"

She came out by winning the game, while Mr. Bowser had scored only two points.

"That's a game and a 'Chicago' ahead, Mr. Bowser! Instead of one game out of ten, I've won two out of three!"

"Yes, but how did you win 'em? If you'd played honestly you wouldn't have scored two points on a game! There's the trump. What do you do?"

"I order you up," said Mrs. Bowser.

"Order me up! You can't do it!"

"Of course I can."

"Not much! No one ever heard of such a thing!"

"Hoyle says that if you have a strong hand and think"—

"Hoyle! Hoyle!" he shouted as he rose up and waved his arms around. "Who is Hoyle? Does Hoyle run this family? Is Hoyle playing this game of cards or are we?"

"But, my dear, Hoyle is authority on cards."

"Never! I allow no man to make rules for me! You either say you'll pass or I don't play any more."

To preserve the peace Mrs. Bowser passed, and he turned it down. She then made the trump hearts.

"But you can't do it!" he protested. "When I turn down diamonds, how can you make it hearts?"

"Can't I make it what I wish?"

"No, ma'am, you can't—not in this game! If you were playing with some two-year-old baby you might play a baby game, but you've either got to play a straight game or quit!"

"Mr. Bowser, Hoyle says that when your opponent"—

"Hoyle again! I tell you Hoyle has nothing to do with it! There! We don't play any more! I knew how it would end when we sat down!"

"Don't be foolish, Mr. Bowser."

"Foolish! Do you suppose I'm going to sit here and be cheated out of my eye teeth! It's mighty funny that a woman can't play an honest game of cards!"

"I'm afraid, dear, that you don't really understand the game of euchre," she replied.

"I don't, eh? I, who was playing euchre forty years before you were born, don't understand the game! That settles it, Mrs. Bowser—settles it forever! If I should live to be ten thousand years old I'd never play another game with you! I see now why so many husbands are driven from home—why so many go to destruction. It's because they can't find any comfort at home!"

"Mr. Bowser, you promised me before we sat down that"—

"And who raised this row? Who set out to deliberately swindle and cheat? But it's no use to say any more. I ought to have known better. Every husband ought to know better. Smith is an infernal old liar and I'm going to bed!"

Proud of His Possessions.

Not every man can be a very wealthy man, for such is not the order of nature or of Providence; but every man can be in fairly comfortable condition in life if he will use opportunity right every time it comes to him. To the farmer (who, by the way, has the "inside track" of the race) a very especial opportunity to increase the yield of his crops and farm products comes in the form of the Robert A. Wooldridge Co.'s High-Class Fertilizers. Evidently the farmer in the picture has been using "CHIEFTAIN" Bone Stock Phosphate on his wheat fields, and is proud of the result. How proud, too, of his increasing acres, due to the profits of his increasing crops, and of the daughter, whose health and happiness are an inspiration to his daily work and planning. Truly, he can afford to be proud of his possessions, and when it is considered that the GENUINE WOOLDRIDGE HIGH-CLASS FERTILIZERS are no small factor of his prosperity, are we not right in counseling their steady use by the farmer and planter?

D. A. KELLEY, Byrdton, Northumberland Co., Va., Nov. 4, 1899, says: I used the "Liberty Bell" and "Champion Giant" brands of your Fertilizers on my wheat last fall. These Fertilizers were put on very thin land, but proved their effectiveness in the yield of grain at harvest by giving me a good crop, although the season was by no means a good one for the wheat crop. I also used the "Triumph" brand on Irish potatoes this year, and it made me a good crop. I shall use your goods again next season; have them on my wheat now growing.

J. M. JORDAN, York Co., Pa., Nov. 18, 1899, says: I used your "Chieftain" brand of Fertilizer on my wheat last fall, and must say that I am greatly pleased with the good results it has brought me in the yield of grain. I am fully persuaded that it is a thoroughly reliable wheat Fertilizer and fully up to the high grade you represent it to be.

J. E. BUTLER, Queen Anne's Co., Md., Oct. 27, 1899, says: I used your "Chieftain" Fertilizer on potatoes this year with very satisfactory results. On a planting of three bushels I made seventy-five bushels of good potatoes, which is at the rate of about 200 bushels to the acre. I regard this as a good yield in view of the dry season that has prevailed in this section.

EASILY CAUGHT.

It is possible to convey a world of meaning by the simple inflection of a spoken word. An insurance adjuster had been sent by the company he represented to investigate and effect a settlement in the case of a low-browed and rather dishonest-looking dealer in furniture and household goods, who had suffered the total loss of his stock by fire.

The adjuster was a good judge of human nature, and a brief examination satisfied him that the shopkeeper had set the store on fire himself. He opened the conversation in this style:

"Well, Smallways, the best way is to be perfectly frank. Tell me your theory of the manner in which this fire started."

"Mice gnawing a box of matches," replied the other.

"Rats?"

"No. Mice."

"Rats!"

Under the searching look that accompanied this significant remark the dealer wilted.

"Now, then," said the insurance man, following up his advantage, "you know perfectly well how the fire began, and you know that I know. Now, if you want to settle this thing without any trouble you will just sign a document agreeing to release the company from all obligation on its returning to you the money you have paid. If that doesn't satisfy you, go ahead and bring suit. We'll air this case in the courts."

Without a murmur the dealer assented to the terms. A single word had upset him.

FRANKLIN E. GUE, Montgomery Co., Md., Oct. 25, 1898, says: I have used your "Triumph" and "Chieftain" brands of Fertilizers both on my tobacco-plant beds and in the growing of the crop in the field, and I must say that they are the best Fertilizers for that purpose that I have ever before gotten hold of. I have used various other brands of Fertilizers on the same crop in former years, but they did not give me the same satisfaction in their results that your goods have done.

Mr. Gue writes again, under date of Oct. 18, 1899, and says: It gives me the greatest pleasure to be able to reaffirm all that I said to you in my letter of October 25, 1898, concerning the good results your Fertilizers had given me on my tobacco beds and in the growing of that crop in the field, and I now wish to speak of the good qualities of your "Liberty Bell" brand on corn. I used it this year on that crop, and it has given me great satisfaction in its results—so much so that I expect to use your Fertilizers altogether on all of my crops hereafter.

Patrick's face was so homely that, as he used to say, it seemed an "offince to the landscape," and he was as poor as he was homely. One day a neighbor met him, and said:

"And how are ye, Pat?"

"Mighty bad," answered Pat. "It is shtarvation that is shtarin' me in the face."

"Is that so?" said the sympathetic inquirer. "Sure, and it can't be very pleasant for ayther of ye."

An Arkansas editor, who read that a young lady in New York kneads bread with her gloves on, says: "We need bread with our pants on; we need bread with our boots on, and if our subscribers in arrears don't pay up soon we shall need bread without anything on."

CHARLES L. WATKINS, Montgomery Co., Md., Oct. 30, 1899, says: I have been using your "Chieftain" for quite a number of years in the growing of my tobacco crops, and it has never failed to raise me first-class crops of that plant in the yield to the acre. I have likewise used the same brand of your goods on other crops of the farm, and always with the most gratifying success. I have also used your "Champion Giant" on wheat, and it made me a fine crop. I find "Champion Giant" an excellent Fertilizer for that crop. After my long experience with your goods I am satisfied that they are the best Fertilizers on the market today, and I shall continue to use them in the future.

Disregard of the ordinary civilities of life often goes unrebuked, but there are occasions when it meets its proper punishment.

"Miss Smith," said a young man to an acquaintance, with whom he was taking a walk one evening, "I hope this cigarette will not be offensive to you."

"Not at all, sir," she replied, slowly and with emphasis, "unless you light it."

And not a word was spoken for the next two blocks.

JACOB HAGER, Justice of the Peace, Montgomery Co., Md., Oct. 25, 1898, says: I have used your "Triumph" and "Chieftain" brands of Fertilizer now for the past two years on my tobacco, and I am perfectly satisfied, from the results I have obtained, that they are, to say the least, the equal of any others now on the market for that crop. As an evidence of my faith in your Fertilizers, and of the satisfaction they have given me, I have used the same brands on my wheat this fall.

"Esquire" Hager writes again, Oct. 16, 1899: I used your "Chieftain" brand of Fertilizer in my wheat-seeding last fall, and it gave me promise of a good crop up to the ninth of last June, when we were visited with a terrific hailstorm in this section, which totally destroyed the crop. I used the "Triumph" brand on my tobacco this year, and it has done well for me, and I have used your "Chieftain" again this fall in my wheat-seeding. On the whole, I am satisfied that all of your brands of Fertilizers that I have used are equally as good as others *costing much more money.* I am perfectly well pleased with your goods for my land.

A poor workingman told his wife, on awakening one morning, a curious dream which he had during the night. He dreamed that he saw coming toward him, in order, four rats. The first one was very fat, and was followed by two lean rats, the rear rat being blind. The dreamer was greatly perplexed as to what evil might follow, as it has been understood that to dream of rats denotes calamity. He appealed to his wife concerning this, but she, poor woman, could not help him. His son, who heard his father tell the story, volunteered to be the interpreter. "The fat rat," he said, "is the man who keeps the saloon you go to so often; the two lean rats are my mother and me, and the blind rat, father, is yourself."—Ex.

GUSTAV GARRINGER, Garrett Co., Md., Oct. 31, 1899, says: I want to write you a little of my experience in the use of your Fertilizers the present season. My first application was on wheat last fall with your "Triumph" and "Champion Giant" brands, and in the spring of this year on oats with the same brands. On both of these crops the Fertilizers done surprisingly good work. I can say the same thing in regard to the effect of your "Liberty Bell" Potash Mixture on grass, where I applied it as a top-dressing. This field had spots in it that could always be relied on to grow a crop of pennyroyal, and I was greatly surprised, after putting on "Liberty Bell," to be unable to find that weed any more; but in its place they were covered with the nicest growth of clover. Your "Sweepstakes" brand I used on onions on a field where a year before an old wagon road passed through. The Fertilizer, however, gave me a nice crop in yield and of fine quality. To sum up my experience in a nutshell, I am convinced that the more good Fertilizer I use the sooner I may expect to be a rich man, and I am firmly convinced yours will fill the bill in that line and bring about the great change. I say, then, to all farmers: "For the land's sake use the Robt. A. Wooldrige Co.'s High-Class Fertilizers."

A. W. MACKEY, Chester Co., Pa., Oct. 25, 1899, says: I have used your Fertilizers for some considerable time, and can say that they have given me entire satisfaction in results. I have applied them to my wheat again this fall, and expect to use them on my corn, etc., next spring. I always buy your goods from Mr. Franklin G. Evans, agent at Kelton.

A newly-married editor gets off the following: "What's the difference between a honeycomb, a honeymoon and a pretty girl? A honeycomb is a small cell, a honeymoon is a big sell and a pretty girl is a damsel.

Isn't this a bright little sermon? It is given in the Interior (Chicago):

"Is your father at home?" I asked a small child on our village doctor's doorstep.

"No," he said; "he's away."

"Where do you think I could find him?"

"Well," he said with a considering air, "you've got to look for some place where people are sick or hurt, or something like that. I don't know where he is, but he's helping somewhere."

HARRY J. KING, Montgomery Co., Md., Nov. 1, 1899, says: I am very much pleased to say that I have used your "Chieftain" brand of Fertilizers in the growing of tobacco, and the result has proven entirely satisfactory to me, and I have no hesitation in saying that in my judgment it is the best goods *that has ever been used in this valley.* I shall use your goods again next spring, and expect to keep on with them indefinitely, as I have every confidence to believe, from my experience in dealing with your company, that the present high standard of your Fertilizers will be rigidly and honestly maintained.

W. F. KAUFFMAN, Baltimore Co., Md., Nov. 4, 1899, says: I used your Fertilizer on potatoes and corn both last spring, and, considering the long drought we had in this section this season, it has done exceedingly well for me. I was so well satisfied with the result on these crops that I have used your "Chieftain" and "Triumph" brands alongside of some other Fertilizer on my wheat this fall. At this writing the young wheat is looking well, and if I live I will let you know at harvest the result of my experience on this crop.

He had brought home his monthly school report, which made a poor showing.

"This is not very satisfactory," said his father, as he looked it over; "I am not at all pleased with it."

"I knew you wouldn't be," answered the little boy; "I told the teacher so, but she said she couldn't change it."

J. W. LEE, Centre Co., Pa., Nov. 10, 1899, says: I have been using Fertilizers of almost every kind that is made for the past sixteen years, and found among them many good brands, but I have never used any that worked nicer or made a better showing in the soil or on the crop than your "Chieftain" and "Champion Giant" brands have done and still doing. I have used your goods again this fall on wheat, and shall look for a big harvest if we have a season at all favorable.

WOOLDRIDGE'S

TRIUMPH

PURE BONE PHOSPHATE.

"TRIUMPH" is an all-round High-Grade Fertilizer for general farm purposes which can be safely used in growing crops of every description, whether in the field or garden, and it will be found on trial to meet every requirement exacted of it. The original formula for this special mixture was arranged for us many years ago by a distinguished chemist, who is also a most successful farmer, and it has been the most satisfactory and popular Fertilizer that we have ever made. Its general good work, both in producing good crops and improving the soil, has been very fully demonstrated by actual experiments at the hands of some of the best farmers in the States of Pennsylvania, Delaware, Maryland, Virginia, West Virginia and North Carolina through a long series of years.

The present composition of "TRIUMPH" is all that the most exacting farmer could demand so far as the character of its material is concerned, as well as in the manner in which it is compounded and manipulated. It absolutely contains no shoddy or other useless filler of any kind, but all of its component parts are of the best Fertilizer ingredients that can be had for the purpose, and we promise faithfully to always keep it up to the regular standard of excellence which has characterized all of our standard brands in the past. We don't propose to load it down with a sludge acid base to burn up your crops in time of drought in order to make more profit, nor to make it out of inferior material (such as garbage tankage, leather scrap, night-soil refuse, marl, etc.), so as to sell it at a lower price. You wouldn't be satisfied with its results after you got it; but we always intend to give you a pure Bone Stock Base, so as to give lasting after-results in the permanent improvement of the land, as well as satisfactory profit on the immediate crop.

From our start in the Fertilizer business, many years ago, it has been our constant aim to give the farmer the very best Fertilizers for the price that science, skill and experience could produce, and that we have succeeded is evidenced by the favor in which our Fertilizers are held today among the farmers in every section where they are sold and by their rapidly and steadily increasing sales from year to year. In popularity and increase of sales "TRIUMPH" takes a leading part, and bids fair to maintain it against all competitive comers. It is one of the best selling Fertilizers on the market today for the simple reason that it possesses true and genuine merit, which farmers everywhere have not been slow in recognizing. We not only confidently commend this old standard brand of our Fertilizers to the favorable attention of every farmer in the land, but we pledge him that back of our commendation we put our reputation and experience, with our assurance that it is equal, if not vastly superior, to all other Fertilizers of similar grade now made, some of which are so loudly exploited *on mere names alone.*

M. B. DAVIS, Harrison Co., W. Va., Nov. 3, 1898, says: I write in regard to the satisfaction that your Fertilizers have given to those farmers who have used them in this section. The goods seem to have given fine results, and, as a consequence of it, I have sold three times as much of them this fall as I did last fall. Your "Triumph" brand seems to be especially popular. The combination of animal matter and potash in it is, I think, what we need for wheat and for the improvement of the land. That is why I like your "Triumph" so well.

Mr. Davis writes again, Oct. 31, 1899: My further observation and experience with your Fertilizers is that they are steadily growing in favor with our farmers every year. Your "Triumph" brand of goods seems to be in the lead in this section on account of the high percentage of potash it contains and the purity of its general materials. The demand on me this season for your Fertilizers was in excess of my supply, and I find my trade in them steadily increasing every year. I can heartily recommend your goods to all persons wanting high-class Fertilizers.

Little Boy—"Please, I want the doctor to come and see mother."

Doctor's Servant—"Doctor's out. Where do you come from?"

Little Boy—"What! Don't you know me? Why, we deal with you—we had a baby from here last week."

MENTAL GEOGRAPHY.

Under this title the Chicago Times-Herald moralizes as follows:

The most populous country is Oblivion. Many go there; few return.

The largest river is Time.

The deepest ocean is Death.

The region where no living thing hath habitation is called Yesterday.

The most highly civilized country is Today.

The highest mountain is called Success. Few reach the top save those who watch sharply for the passing of the spirit of the mountain—Opportunity, who carries upward all those that seize hold upon him.

The region where no man hath ever set foot is called Tomorrow.

The greatest desert is called Life, and it hath many oases. These are called Hope, and Ambition, and Love, and Charity, and Home. And of them all the last is the most beautiful. Besides these are many others, smaller in extent, whence the traveler obtaineth refreshments during the weary journey through Life.

NELSON GILBERT, Harford Co., Md., Nov 1, 1898, says: The Fertilizers that I have been selling for you for the last ten years, both under your old and new brands, have proved themselves equal to the best on the market. This year, notwithstanding the very unfavorable season for wheat, your "Triumph" and "Champion Giant" brands have grown my customers from fifteen to twenty bushels to the acre, and where they have been used on other farm crops this year they have given equal satisfaction in results. As a result of it my sales have been increased

Mr. Gilbert writes again, Nov. 9, 1899: I cannot at this time say any more in favor of your different Fertilizers than what I wrote you in my letter of Nov. 1, 1898. They continue to give me and my customers perfect satisfaction on our land and crops, and that is just why we continue to use them more and more every year, and expect to continue doing it.

A boy was passing a saloon, and seeing a drunken man lying in the gutter in front of it, he opened the door and said, "Mister, your sign's fell down."

The saloonkeeper chased him half around the square.

WM. J. KEYS, Prince William Co., Va., Oct. 16, 1899, says: I used your "Triumph" Fertilizer on my corn last spring, and am pleased to say that it has given me very fine results in the yield.

The Southern black man may never have had his white brother's advantages, but if Southern newspapers are to be believed he is sometimes able to give him good advice.

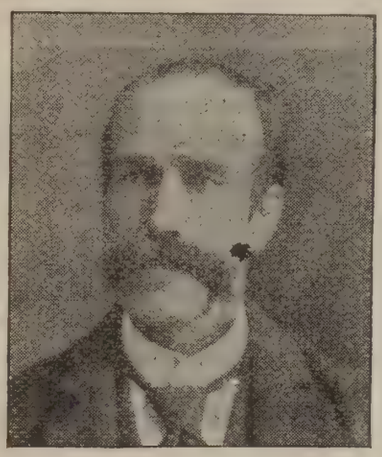
An old Georgia negro, hearing that his former master had decided to enlist in the Cuban army, said to him:

"Marse Tom, doan' do no sich fool thing ez dat—doan' you do it."

"Why shouldn't I?"

"Kase, Marse Tom"—and here the old man lowered his voice—"you's got a touch er de rheumatism, en you can't run ez fast now ez you run endurin' er de war!"

WM. H. THOMAS, Taylor Co., W. Va., Nov. 15, 1899, says: I have been using and selling your various brands of Fertilizers to the farmers of this section now for quite a while, and wish to say that the goods have given entire satisfaction to all who have used them, both in the growing of the grain crops and in the grass that follows. I look upon your "Triumph" and "Champion Giant" brands as being *whoopers* on wheat, corn and grass, and unsurpassed by any other brands on the market. I give you the names of some of my friends and customers who have used your goods with the best results: John H. Thomas, B. H. Thomas, J. N. McCartney, J. D. McCartney, J. N. Cline, John Nestor, Jacob McCartney, Henry Combs, Uriah Jones, Joseph Haltermyer, Arvey Shroyer, W. S. Smith, Lum McIntosh and many others. These gentlemen will gladly testify to the profit obtained from the use of your Fertilizers, and they do not hesitate to recommend them to any farmer who desires to obtain a good return on his investment in the purchase of his Fertilizers. Yours will most assuredly give it to him.



A Scotch newspaper declares that a celebrated vocalist narrowly escaped with his life, his carriage having been upset near Edinburgh, but he was able to appear the same evening in three pieces.

GEO. WINZELL, York Co., Pa., Oct. 20, 1898, says: The "Triumph" Fertilizer that I bought of your agent here and put on my sweet corn last spring has done well for me, and I am very well pleased with its results. I am fully persuaded that "Triumph" will do all you claim for it.

Mr. Winzell writes again, Nov. 3, 1899: I used your "Triumph" Fertilizer again this year on my sweet corn, and with the same gratifying result that I had in the use of the same brand last year on that kind of crop. "Triumph" seems to be specially well suited to the growing of sweet corn.

SOME BIBLE FACTS.

"Abraham wuz er man er faith,' said the old colored deacon, "en w'en de Lawd tol' 'im ter kill Isaac, hit wuz no sooner said dan done!"

Here a brother arose in the "amen corner" and interrupted the speaker.

"You's in de wrong dar," he said. "Abraham 'lowed dat he'd kill Isaac, but a goat come outen de bushes en butted 'im over whilst he wuz a-whettin' er his knife—dat's how hit wuz!"

"Br'er Johnson," said the deacon, in a warning voice, "dis ain't de fust time you has riz up en interrupted me en de Bible; en ef you wusn't in dis meetin' house I'd tell you plain dat you wuz a Ananias!"

"En ef you wuz ter say dat word ter me outside," observed Br'er Johnson, "you'd land on Abraham's boson 'fo' you could take up a collection!"

"I got a diffrunt 'pinion fum dat," said the deason, in his wrath, "en ter prove it I'm goin' ter give a recess fer ten minutes. Rise up, mo'ners, en git de benediction!"—Atlanta Constitution.

A. M. CURTIS, Warrenton, Fauquier Co., Va., Nov. 27, 1899, says: I cannot add anything whatever to my formerly expressed high opinion of your "Triumph" Fertilizer. My continued use of it is the very best evidence I can give you of my entire faith in its great virtues as a Fertilizer. Nor am I alone in this opinion. "Triumph" has made a record here for good work that is not surpassed by any other Fertilizer sold in this community. It has done me better service, especially on grain and grass crops, than any Fertilizer I have ever before used, and I honestly believe it to be the best goods for the money at which it sells that is now being sold to the farmer. More of it has been sold and used here on wheat this fall than ever before, and its popularity is steadily on the increase.

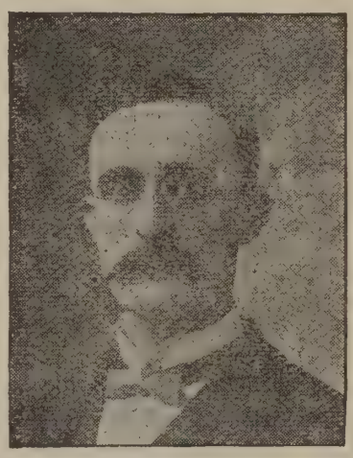
"Sir," began young Timkins, as he entered the presence of the dear girl's father, "I want to marry your daughter ——."

"Oh, don't come to me with your troubles," interrupted the old gentleman. "She told me some time ago that she intended to marry you, so you'll have to settle it between yourselves."

L. R. HAMMOND, York Co., Pa., Nov. 20, 1899, says: I have used your "Triumph" Fertilizer this year in growing my tobacco crop, and I have the best crop in this district of the county, and the quality is very fine. I don't think "Triumph" can be excelled in growing tobacco by any Fertilizer now being sold to the farmer.

A friend of Bishop Wilmer of Alabama lost a dearly beloved wife, and, in his sorrow, caused these words to be inscribed on her tombstone: "The light of mine eyes has gone out." The bereaved married within a year. Shortly afterward the bishop was walking through the graveyard with another gentleman. When they arrived at the tomb the latter asked the bishop what he would say of the present state of affairs, in view of the words on the tombstone. "I think," said the bishop, "the words 'but I struck another match,' should be added."

FRED SMITH, Harrison Co., W. Va., Nov. 3, 1898, says: Having used your "Triumph" brand of Fertilizer on both wheat and corn with most satisfactory results, I can heartily recommend it to all farmers in search of a reliable Fertilizer for the growing of wheat and corn.



Mr. Smith writes again, Oct. 18, 1899: I used your Fertilizers again last fall on my wheat-seeding, and it has given me a good crop. I had an average of twenty bushels to the acre, which was more than was grown by any other farmer in this neighborhood who used other Fertilizers. This year I have been literally besieged with agents selling Fertilizers for other concerns, but I told them all that Wooldridge's High-Class was good enough for me, and I didn't propose to change them for any others. This fall I have put in about ten acres in wheat, and have used your "Chieftain" on it at the rate of 200 pounds to the acre, and at this writing the growth is looking very fine. In view of these facts, then, I think I can confidently recommend your Fertilizers to all farmers who desire full value for the money they invest in that way. As long as your goods make me from four to six bushels of wheat more to the acre than other Fertilizers have made for me, and that on equally as good land, I shall continue to speak their praise unhesitatingly, wishing you great success.

"Is it true," asked the inquisitive foreigner, "that you ladies get a divorce one day and marry the next?"

"Indeed, it is not," answered the Chicago lady. "In the lower classes it may occur, but in our set a two weeks' vacation is the proper thing."

R. M. PINDELL, Pindell, Anne Arundel Co., Md., Oct. 31, 1899, says: I used your "Triumph" Fertilizer on wheat last fall. It was applied to very thin land that had been planted in corn the spring before. I have harvested a much better crop of wheat from this land than was ever gotten from it before. I think this brand of your goods is a most excellent one for the wheat crop.

ONE OF HER NUMEROUS PROGENY.

Necessity, the mother of invention, has a numerous offspring, and one of her children turned up the other day in a most surprising way.

"Gimme six pounds of sugar," demanded a small boy, rushing into a grocery store in breathless haste.

"Four cents a pound; that'll be twenty-four cents," said the man behind the counter, as he tied up his package.

"Hold on, I want ten pounds of rice—what's that a pound?"

"Six cents," answered the man; "sixty cents. What else did your mother send for?"

"I want eight quarts of beans—what'll they be?"

"Beans are fifteen cents—a dollar twenty."

"Now let me have seven pounds of codfish, two pounds and a half of tea, two quarts of vinegar, six dozen clothespins and three pecks of potatoes," called out the boy, reading from a memorandum in his hand, "and give me a bill of it all, please."

When the packages were all done up and the bill ready the grocer handed it over with, "Did your mother send the money, or does she want them charged, sonny?"

"My mother didn't send for nothing," was the boy's answer, as he made swiftly for the door. "That's my arithmetic lesson, and I had to have the answer or git licked."

ROBT. C. KELTON, Chester Co., Pa., Oct. 26, 1899, says: I have used your "Triumph" Fertilizer, bought from Mr. Franklin G. Evans, the agent at this point, on my potatoes, and I am pleased to say that it gave me good satisfaction in every respect. I am satisfied that "Triumph" is an excellent Fertilizer for potatoes, and I can confidently recommend it to other farmers for growing that crop. I am using some of your Fertilizers again this fall in my wheat-seeding, which gives you some idea of my faith in their virtues.

A boy jumped into the water, and by his quickness and the help of a life-preserver saved a man from drowning. To reward him, the man took sixpence from his pocket and handed it to his preserver. The boy looked at it for a minute and then exclaimed: "Well, I am overpaid for this job at least."

J. B. REIST, Lebanon Co., Pa., Nov. 7, 1899, says: I have been using your "Triumph" brand of Fertilizer for the past three years on wheat, and it has given me complete satisfaction in its results every time I have applied it to that crop. It is certainly, in my judgment, one of the very best Fertilizers now on the market.

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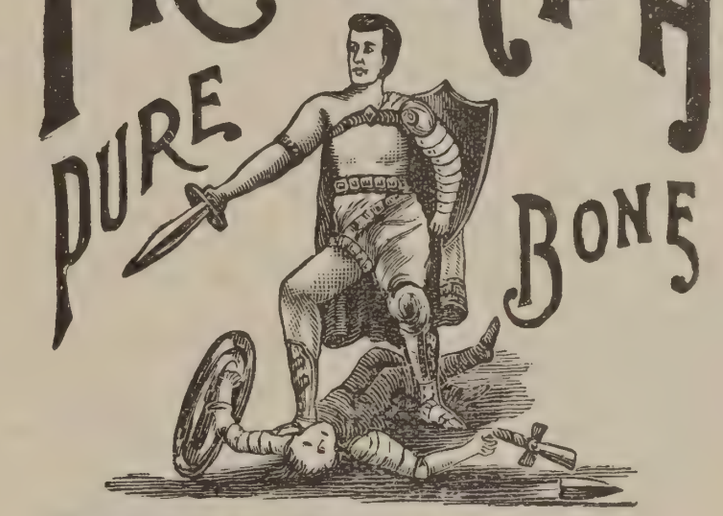

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GUARANTEED ANALYSIS:

Ammonia (derived from dried blood and high-grade tankage)	1.50 to 2.00
Potash (K_2O) (derived from high-grade muriate and sulphate)	4.00 to 4.50
Equal to sulphate of potash	8.00 to 8.50
Phosphoric acid, available (derived from pure bone stock)	8.00 to 9.00
Phosphoric acid, insoluble	2.00 to 3.00
Bone phosphate of lime	18.00 to 20.00

Mama—"Did you tell God how very naughty you were?"

Lily—"No; I was ashamed. I thought it had better not get out of the family."

H. B. COGHILL, King George C. H., Va., Oct. 28, 1898, says: I have used your "Triumph" Fertilizer for the past two years on all of my garden truck with the most gratifying success, and am fully satisfied that it is a most reliable and excellent Fertilizer.

Mr. Coghill writes again, Oct. 13, 1899: Referring to my letter of October 28, 1898, in regard to my experience in the use of your "Triumph" brand of Fertilizer, I wish to say that I used the same brand again this year on garden truck and corn, and am satisfied that in results it added at least one-half to yield on the corn, with the very best effect on all of my garden crops.

DEFINITIONS OF "HOME."

London Tid-Bits offered a prize for the best answer to the question, "What is home?" Here are a few of the bright answers which were received:

The golden setting in which the brightest jewel is "mother."

A world of strife shut out, a world of love shut in.

An arbor which shades when the sunshine of prosperity becomes too dazzling; a harbor where the human bark finds shelter in the time of adversity.

Home is the blossom of which heaven is the fruit.

The only spot on earth where the faults and failings of fallen humanity are hidden under the mantle of charity.

An abode in which the inmate, the "superior being called man," can pay back at night with fifty per cent. interest every annoyance that has met him in business during the day.

The place where the great are sometimes small, and the small often great.

The father's kingdom, the children's paradise, the mother's world.

The jewel casket containing the most precious of all jewels—domestic happiness.

Where you are treated best, and you grumble most.

Home is the central telegraph office of human love, into which run innumerable wires of affection, many of which, though extending thousands of miles, are never disconnected from the one great terminus.

The center of our affections, around which our heart's best wishes twine.

A little hollow scooped out of the windy hill of the world where we can be shielded from its cares and annoyances.

A popular but paradoxical institution, in which woman works in the absence of man, and man rests in the presence of woman.

CHAS. C. BOOR, Allegany Co., Md., Nov. 1, 1898, says: I have been using your "Triumph" Fertilizer on potatoes for a number of years, and have always found it a most excellent phosphate for that crop, and am consequently highly pleased with it. To all persons wishing to grow fine crops of potatoes I would cordially commend this brand of your goods as being capable of meeting every requirement.

Mr. Boor writes again, Nov. 4, 1899: I wish to say in reference to my continued use of your Fertilizers that I am at this date more than pleased with them. I used your "Triumph" brand again this year on potatoes. I had a piece of sod land on which I applied about five two-horse loads of farm manure to the acre and ploughed it under and used about 200 pounds of "Triumph" in the row at planting time. I have taken out this fall a splendid crop of 700 bushels of nice, smooth potatoes. I believe your "Triumph" Fertilizer, when used on sod and manure as herein stated, *is just the very thing for potatoes*, especially when used on clay sand, gravel or slate land. I have always had best results where sod was turned down in March or April and potatoes planted in May. I have used "Triumph" for a number of years, and always with the very best success.

The Montreal Witness prints this story of a poor woman who recently went to a saloon in search of her husband. She found him there, and setting a covered dish which she had brought with her upon the table, she said:

"Thinking that you are too busy to come home to dinner, I have brought yours to you," and departed.

With a laugh the man invited his friends to dine with him, but on removing the cover from the dish he found only a slip of paper, on which was written:

"I hope you will enjoy your meal. It is the same as your family have at home."

GEO. M. WILEY, York Co., Pa., Nov. 16, 1899, says: I have been using your different brands of Fertilizers for a good many years, and have also sold them to other farmers. During that time I have repeatedly tested them by the side of others of high repute, but I have always gotten the better results from your goods, especially when I used your old reliable "Triumph" Mixture. This year, notwithstanding the very unfavorable season for the wheat crop in this section, "Triumph" has given my customers on an average from eighteen to twenty-five bushels to the acre, and as a result of it my sales of your Fertilizers this fall have very materially increased.

The man who is not just as honest in trading as he is in prayer is not a Christian. It is not possible to be a sinner in business and a saint in religion. The thief in the board of trade is a hypocrite in the church.

CHARLES HARTMAN, Lancaster Co., Pa., Oct. 15, 1899, says: I have been using your "Triumph" brand of Fertilizer chiefly ever since it has been sold in this neighborhood, now some five or six years, and have had the most gratifying experience with it in results. It has made me paying crops of wheat and grass *in off seasons* when other Fertilizers used here have failed in results. I have tested it alongside of good farm manure, and always with advantage in favor of the Fertilizer. Such was the case last year on my wheat, when I got three bushels of wheat more to the acre from "Triumph" than I did from the manure. This year of partial failure in the yield of wheat here I have again gotten a most satisfactory crop of 500 bushels of nice wheat from "Triumph," much of which has been sold for seed at an extra price. My field at harvest was said to be the best in the county. I am thoroughly pleased with "Triumph," and shall not undertake the task of trying to find a better Fertilizer.

No matter what crop you want to grow the Robt. A. Wooldridge Co.'s High-Class Fertilizers will meet every requirement of soil and plant. They make healthy roots, strong stalk, rich leaf, heavy grain-heads, firm vegetables, choicely-flavored tobacco—in a word, such is their general all-around use and their essential worth that in using them

YOU WILL NEVER BE DISAPPOINTED.

N. B.—This of course refers to the Genuine Wooldridge High-Class Fertilizers, which are manufactured exclusively by

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223 and 225 Smith's Wharf, Baltimore, Md.

and does not take in any "imitations" (or so-called Wooldridge goods) which are being offered on our past reputation and good name.

Demand the GENUINE article and take no others.

L. L. SAVAGE, Garrett Co., Md., Nov. 9, 1899, says: I used your "Triumph" Fertilizer on wheat last fall, and it has given me the most satisfactory results. My land on which it went is very thin, but at harvest I got a yield of twenty-two bushels of nice wheat to the acre and a nice set of grass which I think has paid me well for the use of the Fertilizer. I take great pleasure in recommending "Triumph" to all farmers who may be searching for a reliable Fertilizer, as I am satisfied that it will give them back their money's worth every time. I have both used and sold your goods now for some time, and have never had any complaint from any of my customers, but, on the contrary, all of them praise the Wooldridge goods.

"How was the bride given away?"
"By her complexion."

MAKING THE ANGELS HAPPY.

The following touching little incident was related of the late Bishop Phillips Brooks just after his death. Perhaps we have given it before, but it is worth repeating:

The bishop had for a long time paid some little attention to the five-year-old daughter of one of his parishioners, and the little one always expressed her delight when, in company with her mother, she met him on the street.

The day of the bishop's death the mother came into the room where the little one was playing, and, holding the bright little face between her hands, said tearfully:

"Bishop Brooks has gone to heaven!"

"Oh, mama," was her answer, "how happy the angels will be!"

ISRAEL MILLER, Durlach, Lancaster Co., Pa., Nov. 13, 1899, says: After husking out my corn grown this year from your "Triumph" Fertilizer I am enabled to fully realize its great agricultural value. The corn grew regularly from start to finish, and has made me a grand yield. I also used "Triumph" on my wheat last fall with most excellent results at harvest. I am using "Triumph" right along, and am not on the hunt to try to find a better goods. "Triumph" fills the bill for me.

Playwright—"Is her acting natural?"

Manager (enthusiastically)—"Natural! Why, when she appeared as the dying mother last night an insurance agent, who has her life insured for $2000, and who was in the audience, actually fainted."

JOHN W. CAULK, Kent Co., Del., Nov. 6, 1899, says: I am one of the original users of the Robt. A. Wooldridge Fertilizers in this part of Delaware. I began to use them twelve or thirteen years ago, which was the first of their being sold here. I feel, therefore, as if I was now in a position to form a correct judgment as to their agricultural merits, and I am pleased to say, after my long experience, that these goods have always given me satisfaction on the general crops of the farm to which they have been applied, and I can therefore recommend them to other farmers as being reliable. This year I used your "Triumph" brand on my tomatoes, and it has made me a very good crop. I had in five acres of land, and the yield of tomatoes was a little over seven tons to the acre, of a nice solid and smooth quality. I am much pleased with the result. I have used your "Chieftain" and "Liberty Bell" brands on my wheat-seeding this fall, and shall confidently look for the usual satisfactory result if the season be at all favorable for the growing of that cereal.

OUR MOTHERS.

The entrance to the great Philadelphia station of the Pennsylvania Railroad is a long bridge elevated above the tops of the houses. Hundreds of incoming and outgoing trains pass and repass upon this bridge every day, trailing white clouds of smoke like banners as they fly to every State in the Union. So incessant is their passage in and out that sometimes there is hardly more than the fraction of a minute between the rush of the arriving and the departing trains.

A stranger, after watching the scene for some time, expressed to an officer of the road his amazement at the skill of the conductors of the countless trains in escaping collision.

"They are not responsible," was the reply. "All the trains upon this bridge move at the direction of one man, who sits up in yonder white tower. He controls them absolutely. Every passenger in them thinks 'I am going to California, or Boston, or Europe,' but his going and his coming, his very life, depend upon the thoughtfulness and intelligence of that unseen little man of whom he never has heard, and whose name he never will know."

"What if this man should grow careless or forget his work for an hour?" the stranger asked himself.

He, too, boarded a train and sped away across the hills, but the idea of this unknown, lonely watcher and his terrible responsibility had taken hold of him. He had traveled more or less during the past years of his life; had suffered great temptations and some changes of fortune. Several years had sometimes passed in which he had not seen his home. Yet the thought came to him now with a sudden shock how in that home a poor, obscure farmhouse in Virginia, there was a quiet little woman, who, by her prayers, had hoped to guide his life. She never had seen the cities in which he briefly sojourned and struggled. She knew but little of those struggles. Two or more years had sometimes passed in which she never heard his name, yet by her faith she sought to keep a firm hold upon that Hand which controlled his life. He thought, as he rushed on his way, of the countless mothers in lonely chambers, who kept this subtle spiritual hold upon the lives of their children wandering over the earth, hoping to save them from ruin, bringing them up to happiness and to God.

"And we forget them! We never think of them!" The eyes of the rough man grew dim. "What if they forgot us? What if they let go their hold upon us?" he said.

JOHN A. WOOLF, Kent Co., Del., Nov. 7, 1899, says: I have been using your Fertilizers for the last three years, and I am glad to say that they have given me much satisfaction in results. I use your "Triumph" brand always on my strawberry beds, and it grows me very fine berries—of as fine quality as is hauled to Wyoming Station. I used the "Triumph" also on my tomatoes this year, and it has done splendid work and given me a nice crop of fine quality. Where I used the "Triumph" in 1897 on my wheat-seeding I put clover seed the following spring on only one acre, and this year I cut from it seven two-horse loads of elegant clean clover hay as fine as I have ever seen. I shall keep on with the use of your Fertilizers.

Just after the death of Andrew Jackson, says an exchange, a friend of his met an old family servant and began asking him a few questions about his late master. "Do you think," he said, "that the general has gone to heaven?"

"'Deed, I dunno, sah; dat jis' depen's."

"Depends on what?"

"Jis' depen's, sah, on ef de gin'al wanted to go, sah, er not," said the old darky, with supreme confidence in the general; "ef he wanted to go, sah, he am dah, sho', an' ef he didn't, he ain't, sah."

C. E. DAVIS, Allegany Co., Md., Oct. 13, 1899, says: I have been using your "Triumph" brand of Fertilizers for the past two years on garden truck, pumpkins, etc., and I find it of great value for that purpose. It has done me the most satisfactory work, and I do not want any better Fertilizer than it is. "Triumph" is certainly good enough for me. It is also very durable in the land, as is evident in a case here where an application of this mixture was put on a poor field six years ago, and the effects of it can be seen now by the heavy growth of timothy on the land. This refutes successfully the idea that Fertilizers only last one season. Low, cheap stuff may not, but "Triumph," being a bone-base goods, is not of that class, and consequently leaves its impress for good on the land for years. It is therefore cheapest to use.

It was in a Philadelphia Sunday-school, not long ago, that a teacher asked the question: "What is a lie?" Of course, there was a small boy who thought he knew, and this was his definition: "A lie is 'an abomination unto the Lord and an ever-present help in time of trouble.' "

J. B. ROSS, Talbot Co., Md., Oct. 22, 1899, says: I used your "Triumph" Fertilizer on potatoes this year with very fine results, notwithstanding the very dry season that has prevailed in this section. I also used the same brand of your goods on my corn, and can truthfully say that I am *more than pleased* with the results it has given me. I think the increase in the yield of fodder alone has paid me, to say nothing in regard to its fine effect in the yield of corn. I intend to drill in the same brand broadcast again next spring for corn, as I am satisfied that it is an excellent Fertilizer for corn, as well as other crops of the farm. I have used your Fertilizer on wheat this fall on a field bordering on the public road, and am very sure that its good merits will tell favorably when it comes to gathering time.

WOULD NOT GO ROUND.

Senator Mason of Illinois is reported by the Washington Star as telling a good story to illustrate the fact that the official favors that the President has to distribute will not "go round."

Pat McCarthy gave a dinner, to which he invited three or four of his neighbors. Pat had allowed his wife to cook only one chicken. When dinner was served Pat took possession of the carving-knife, and in a most hospitable tone said to Mrs. Dugan:

"What part of the fowl will yez have?"

"A leg, if yez plase," was the answer.

"An' what part will yez have? Would yez loike some av the white?" Pat inquired of Mrs. O'Hooligan.

"An' a leg will do me," she answered.

As each answered, the part of the fowl she desired was given her.

"What part will yez have, Moike Walsh?" Pat blandly inquired of his neighbor.

"Oi balave Oi will have a leg, too," said "Moike," in his most modest way, wishing to follow in the footsteps of the rest of the company.

"Begorra," said Pat to Mickey, "what does yez think Oi'm carving—a spider?"

R. EDWARD MADDOX, Fauquier Co., Va., Oct. 24, 1898, says: I am pleased to say that your "Triumph" brand of Fertilizer has given me more satisfaction in the growing of my wheat and grass crops and in the permanent improvement of my land than any other Fertilizer I have ever used. I used eight tons of it last year, and have already used more this year, and am not yet done with it. I think "Triumph" is the best and cheapest Fertilizer for the money it costs that I have ever seen or used, and I expect to continue the use of it.

Mr. Maddox writes again, Nov. 1, 1899: I can assure you that I derive much pleasure in again testifying to the agricultural value of your Fertilizers after another year's use of them. I am fully satisfied that they are the best goods I have used for years. The lasting effect of them on grass is the part about them that I like so much, besides their great grain-producing power. I have used several tons of your goods again this fall on wheat, and have no doubt of the results being entirely satisfactory if the season be at all favorable.

A Dublin newspaper has an advertisement possibly more truthful than intended:

"Wanted, a gentleman to undertake the sale of a patent medicine. The advertiser guarantees that it will be profitable to the undertaker."

R. R. POWELL, Spottsylvania Co., Va., Nov. 9, 1899, says: I used your "Triumph" brand of Fertilizer last spring on my corn, and it has given me very fine results in the yield. I consider "Triumph" the best corn Fertilizer I have ever used, and can therefore confidently recommend it to other farmers for that crop.

French politeness is proverbial, and deservedly so, if the following is a fair example of it:

Scene, a shop in a French city.

Briton—"Vooly voo donny mwaw"—

The Proprietor—"Pardon! Monsieur can speak the English to me.

Briton—"Why so? Can't you understand my French?"

The Proprietor—"Monsieur, I am from the South, and find it difficult to comprehend the true Parisian accent."

ANTON SCHWAB, Fauquier Co., Va., Oct. 24, 1898, says: I am pleased to be able to testify to the fact that your "Triumph" Fertilizer has done better work for me and grown me five bushels more wheat to the acre on poor land than any other Fertilizer I have ever used on my farm. I regard "Triumph" as being the best phosphate on the market today to grow crops with and to improve land. I am using it again this fall, and expect to continue its use.

Mr. Schwab writes again, Oct. 20, 1899: I have now been using your Fertilizer for the past three years, principally your "Triumph" brand on wheat. I have usually put on the Fertilizer at the rate of 200 pounds to the acre, and it has always given me the most satisfactory results in the yield. I believe this brand of your goods is fully equal, if not superior, to any other Fertilizer now on the market for the growing of wheat. I take great pleasure in recommending your Fertilizers to all farmers wishing to grow good crops and to permanently improve their land, and shall most assuredly continue their use myself on account of the great satisfaction they have given me up to this time.

Mr. Ferry—"Greatness is all comparative. For example, an elephant four feet high would be called a cute little thing, while a rat of that size—"

Mrs. Ferry—"Yes, and $25 for a bonnet is an enormous expense, but it isn't anything at all when you lose it at poker."

MR. JOHN DRAKE, Kent Co., Del., Nov. 8, 1899, says: I have been using your Fertilizers on different crops for several years with entire satisfaction, and this year I had your "Triumph" brand on tomatoes alongside of two other brands of Fertilizers, and I think I am entirely safe in saying that I had twice as many tomatoes where "Triumph" went as where the other goods were put, and they were larger, smoother and more solid also. I used "Triumph" also this year on my potatoes, and it has made me a very good crop of fine quality. I am certainly very greatly pleased with your Fertilizers, and expect to continue the use of them.

HE FOUGHT TO UPHOLD THE STRENGTH OF HIS CONVICTIONS.

I stopped my horse at the top of the hill just as a man came out of the woods with a gun on his shoulder. I asked him about dinner, and he said he lived half a mile up the road and thought I could get a bite. As we went along in company he observed:

"Stranger, my ole woman is a leetle pecooliar 'bout sartin things, and I reckon I orter tell yo' in advance."

"Well!"

"Reckon yo' was in the late wah?"

"Yes."

"On the Yankee side?"

"Yes."

"Wall, I don't care shucks which side yo' fout on, but the ole woman is different, yo' see. She'll ask yo' the very fust thing which it was. If you say 'Confed,' you'll git a squar' meal; if yo' say 'Yank,' she'll run yo' outen the cabin. I'll tell you how to bamboozle her. Yo' jest say yo' fout to uphold yo'r convictions. That'll mix her all up, and she won't say no mo' fur fear of givin' herself away."

As I was pretty hungry I agreed to follow his advice. The woman stood in the door as we came up, and after the husband remarked that I wanted a bite to eat, she looked me over and queried:

"Stranger, was yo' in the late wah?"

"Yes'm."

"On this side or the 'tother?"

"Madam, I fought to uphold the strength of my convictions," I replied, as I got a sly wink from the man.

"Oh, yo' did, eh!" she said, after puzzling over it for half a minute. "Wall, ye can ride on! Thar's plenty of water fur yo'r hoss along the road, and thar's plenty of sassafras for yo' if yo' ain't too lazy to dig it! I like a Confed, and I kin manage to put up with a Yank for half an hour, but when it comes down to a feller who was upholding' his convictions I ain't got no use fur him. It was just that sort of a feller who gobbled up three of dad's mewls and driv off five of his hogs, and drat me if yo' don't look a heap like him in the face!"

A. LEE McINTEER, Prince William Co., Va., Oct. 2, 1898, says: I used your Fertilizers on corn and oats last spring with very satisfactory results, and I find that all farmers to whom I sold your goods have had a similar experience, and are well pleased with them.

Mr. McInteer writes again, Oct. 16, 1899: I used your "Triumph" and "Buffalo" brands of Fertilizers on corn again last spring, and the result has been in every way satisfactory, and I find that all farmers to whom your goods were sold in this section have had the same gratifying experience, so you can judge of their popularity here.

A German in Rahway, N. J., noted years ago for his ability to compose and carve epitaphs, received the following from a German, which he carved on the tombstone as requested:

My wife, Susan, is dead. If she'd had life till next Friday she'd been dead shust two weeks. As a tree falls, so must she stand. All things is impossible mit God.

NOAH J. HORNER, Westmoreland Co., Pa., Nov. 5, 1898, says: I have been selling your Fertilizers now for the past two years, and all of my customers, without one single exception, unite in giving them high praise for the good results they have derived from their use. The goods have been most satisfactory here, and we expect this coming spring season to take hold of the sale of them in *dead earnest.*

Mr. Horner writes again, Oct. 31, 1899: Referring to my letter of Nov. 5, 1898, I wish to say that the popularity of your Fertilizers in this section continues and increases. They are giving universal satisfaction to all of my customers, and your "Triumph" brand seems to be a special favorite with them.

Butcher—"What reason have you, sir, to state that my home-made sausages contain dogs?"

Dealer—"Well, if I happen to whistle while they're frying they turn over."

ASA GOULDMAN, Caroline Co., Va., Nov. 14, 1898, says: I have used your "Liberty Bell" Potash Mixture on both corn and wheat, and it has given me better results than any other Fertilizer I have ever before used. I have, however, seen such splendid crops from the use of your "Triumph" in my neighborhood that I have tried that brand on my wheat this fall. I am very much pleased with your Fertilizers, and expect to continue their use.

Mr. Gouldman writes again, Oct. 16, 1899: I used your "Triumph" brand of Fertilizer on my wheat last fall, but, owing to the very unfavorable season, the crop in this section is not a good one, but I find that "Triumph" is telling with great force on the stand of clover now growing on the land. I used this same brand on tobacco this last spring, and its results have been all that I could desire. I shall always take great pleasure in recommending your goods to other farmers as being all that you claim for them.

A HOMELY EPISODE.

One warm midsummer day Steve found himself seated under the old Baldwin apple tree, with the half hull of a red-hearted watermelon in his lap. Old Mr. B., busy with the other half, paused now and then to ask Steve about his new job, how many cigars he smoked in a day, what they cost, and what he paid for his fine clothes. Presently he wanted to know what they called his boy on the road—conductor, brakeman or what.

"They call me the general freight agent, father," said Steve.

"That's a mighty big name, Steve."

"Yes, father; it's rather a big job, too, for me."

"But ye don't do it all, Steve. Ye must have hands to help you load and unload?"

"Oh, yes. I have a lot of help."

"And the company pays them all?"

"Yes."

"How much do they pay you, Steve—$2 a day?"

Steve almost strangled on a piece of core, and the old gentleman saw that he had guessed too low.

"Three?" he ventured.

"More than that, father."

"Ye don't mean to say they pay ye as much as fi-v-e?"

"Yes, father—more than twenty-five."

The old man let the empty hull fall between his knees, stared at his boy, and whistled.

"Say, Steve," he asked, earnestly, "ar' ye worth it?"—Cy Warman in Lippincott's Magazine.

J. C. REESE, Chester Co., Pa., Oct. 30, 1899, says: I have been buying the Wooldridge Fertilizers from Mr. Franklin G. Evans, agent at Kelton, now for several years and using them on my various crops, and wish to say that the results from them have always been most satisfactory. I used the "Triumph" brand on potatoes this year, and have a yield of over 200 bushels to the acre of fine quality.

Said the lecturer: "The roads up these mountains are too steep and rocky for even a donkey to climb; therefore I did not attempt the ascent."

D. RAUTHENBURG, Kent Co., Del., Oct. 16, 1899, says: I used your "Triumph" Fertilizer on my tomatoes this year, putting on about 800 pounds to the acre—500 pounds broadcast and 300 pounds in the hill. It has done splendid work for me. The fruit was of very fine quality and the yield simply *good*. I noticed that the foliage on the vines kept green even after the fruit was all picked off, showing, to my mind, that they will not *blight* if *well fed* with "Triumph" Fertilizer.

"Johnny," called his mother, "quit using that bad language."

"Why," replied the boy, "Shakespeare said what I just did."

"Well," replied the mother, growing infuriated, "you should quit going with him—he's no companion for you."

JAMES MORRISON, Braxton Co., W. Va., Nov. 6, 1899, says: I have been using your "Triumph" Fertilizer on both wheat and corn with the most satisfactory results, and I cheerfully recommend it to farmers generally, especially those in search of a thoroughly reliable Fertilizer to grow their crops with, believing it to be all that you claim for it.

"What a lucky man Brown is!" exclaimed Beadle. "He is an A. B., A. M. and LL. D., and I see by this card that he is now an R. S. V. P. He's a lucky dog."

C. E. GROH, Schaefferstown, Lebanon Co., Pa., Nov. 9, 1899, says: I have now been using and selling your Fertilizers for a number of years, and have always found them O. K. I sell more of them every year. I used your "Triumph" on potatoes this year, and had 218 bushels to the acre. I used the same brand on wheat last fall, and at harvest this year realized twenty-six bushels to the acre of nice wheat. Had a few poor acres in the field, which cut the yield somewhat. On grass "Triumph" has proved a most excellent Fertilizer.

Professor—"This eccentricity you speak of in your daughter, isn't it, after all, a matter of heredity?"

The Mother (severely)—"No, sir; I'd have you to know, sir, there never was an heredity in our family."

THOS. W. BOGGS, King George Co., Va., Nov. 8, 1899, says: I used your "Triumph" Fertilizer this year on tomatoes with wonderful results. It was used on extremely poor land, and after I had gathered a heavy yield of fine solid tomatoes from the vines I pulled out the vines on account of frost and at that time some of them had as high as fifty large green tomatoes, besides small ones and blooms. I used this same brand on corn last spring with peas sown broadcast on the land. This corn land was very thin, but the yield of corn was very fine. The Fertilizer was applied to the land broadcast at the last working of the corn. The effect of it was also splendid on the peas, the vines being laden with a fine crop. I also used "Triumph" this fall on turnips, and I can say that I have turnips to perfection.

A TELLING LECTURE.

Two colored barbers, one an old man and the other a younger one. The young one took off his apron and started for the door.

"Yo's gwine to get a drink, Jim?" asked the elder.

"Dat's what I'se gwine to do."

"Go and get yo' drink I used to do de same thing when I was young. When I was fus' married dah was a gin mill next to the shop whar I wucked, an' I spent in it fifty and sebenty cents a day outen de dollah an' half I eahned. Well, one mawnin' I went into de butchah shop, an' who should come in but de man what kep' de likker shop.

"'Gib me ten er twelbe pound po'terhouse steak;' he said.

"He got it an' went out. I sneaked up to de butchah and looked to see what money I had left.

"'What do you want?' said the butchah.

"'Gib me ten cents wuf of libber,' wuz my remark.

"It wuz all I could pay fur. Now you go an' git yo' drink. You'll eat libber, but de man what selis you de stuff will hab his po'terhouse steak. De man behin' de ba' eats po'terhouse—de man in front eats libber. I ain't touched de stuff for thirty years, and I am eatin' po'terhouse myself."—National Advocate.

J. N. WOLVERTON, Doddridge Co., W. Va., Nov. 27, 1899, says: I am still using and selling your Fertilizers to the farmers of this section, and am glad to say that their use, both by myself and my customers, is giving entire satisfaction. They have been tested repeatedly by the side of other brands costing more money, and to a great extent have displaced them in my neighborhood by doing better work. My observation and experience with your Fertilizers is that the "Triumph" and "Champion Giant" (formerly called the "Little Giant") brands are the two most useful to us in this locality, the former brand for corn in the hill and the latter brand on wheat and grass. I can safely recommend your Fertilizers to any farmer who wishes to obtain the best results at the lowest possible cost. The very best piece of wheat I have seen this season was produced from the use of your "Champion Giant." All that a farmer has to do to be right in buying his Fertilizers is to carefully examine the analysis of the Wooldridge goods in comparison with other makes of inferior grades that are sold for less prices, but which are infinitely dearer in the end, and he cannot fail to give your goods the preference every time, as to the increased profit they are most likely to bring him in their use.

A certain doctor had occasion, when only a beginner in the medical profession, to attend a trial as a witness. Counsel, in cross-examining the young man, made several sarcastic remarks, doubting the ability of so young a physician to understand his business. "Do you know the symptoms of concussion of the brain?" asked the learned counsel. "I do," replied the doctor. "Well," continued the attorney, "suppose my learned friend, Mr. Bagwig, and myself were to bang our heads together, should we have concussion of the brain?" "Your learned friend, Mr. Bagwig, might," said the doctor quietly.

GEORGE DAVIDSON, Queen Anne's Co., Md., Nov. 3, 1899, says: I am extremely sorry that I cannot give you the recommendation for your "Triumph" Fertilizer that I desired to do, but still I cannot attribute the failure of my crop to the Fertilizer, but rather to *insects*. I prepared two and one-half acres of land very nicely for tomatoes, on which I drilled in one ton of "Triumph." This land had previously been in potatoes for two successive years *and was filled with Colorado bugs*, which destroyed the young tomato plants as fast as they were set out. Finding that I could not get that crop to stand, I concluded to plant the land in corn, and on the tenth day of June the corn was planted without any other manure being used, and I have just harvested a very heavy crop, notwithstanding the comparatively late date of the planting. I cannot at this writing give you the exact yield, as the corn has not yet been husked out, but it is splendidly eared and heavy.

Strawber—"Why do you think you will have any trouble in keeping the engagement secret?"

Singerly—"I had to tell the girl, didn't I?"

G. B. BELL, Northumberland Co., Va., Nov. 1, 1899, says: I purchased of your agent here, Mr. D. A. Kelley, last spring some of your "Triumph" Fertilizer, which I used on Irish potatoes with the most satisfactory results in the yield and quality. These potatoes sold for the best prices in the Baltimore market, and I am very much pleased with my experience in the use of this brand of your goods. I shall use it again next season, and most cordially commend it to my brother farmers as being entirely reliable.

The Teacher—"What are the two things necessary to baptism?"

Small girl—"Please, sir, water and a baby."

H. Q. DICKINSON, Spottsylvania Co., Va., Oct. 19, 1899, says: Your "Triumph" brand of Fertilizer that I used on my corn this year I am glad to say has given me perfect satisfaction. I only used about seventy-five pounds to the acre of it in the drill, but it has made me a fine crop. There is not a single farmer in this neighborhood who used "Triumph" that I know of who is not well satisfied with its results. I shall use it again next year.

A DISCOVERY—BUG-PROOF POTATOES.

The threadbare belief that some of the greatest discoveries in the world were made by accident finds strong confirmation in the case of Harry Killman, an aged shipmaster of Prospect, who spends most of his time in coloring meerschaum pipes. Owing to his having a sensitive mouth that cannot endure the touch of heated smoke, Captain Killman uses nothing but plug tobacco in his coloring process, buying it in pound lots and cutting it up as fast as needed. As the tobacco is kept on a shelf over the kitchen stove it often gets too dry for use. To remedy this fault the captain cuts a raw potato in half and places the raw side of the potato on top of the tobacco, thus preserving the proper moisture.

Last winter, when potatoes were high, a neighbor told Captain Killman that he was extravagant to throw the potato sections away after they had laid for a short time on the tobacco, saying they were still able to grow sprouts and would make good stock for planting in the spring. Partly to please his friend, but largely out of curiosity, the captain put the discarded potato slices in a box, and when seeding time came he had them taken to the fields and planted in a row at one side of his potato field. The young plants grew rapidly, those which had been in contact with the tobacco faster than all others. The Colorado beetles came down early and came to stay.

Before Captain Killman had time to notice their ravages, the field was ruined. Over at one end, however, was a row that had not been touched by the beetles. He asked his men the cause of this, and was told that the bug-proof potatoes were grown from the tubers that had been sprouted on top of the plug tobacco. Of course the captain doesn't know for certain, but he has a well-founded suspicion that he has found a method by which he may ward off the greatest enemy the potato-grower has. If so, he hopes to be classed among the benefactors of his race.

J. R. McFADIEN, Chester Co., Pa., Oct. 30, 1899, says: I have been using different brands of your Fertilizers — bought from Mr. Franklin G. Evans, your agent at Kelton—for quite a number of years, and they have invariably given me excellent results. This last harvest I mowed a two-acre lot where your goods had been used, and I got a yield of ten loads of hay. I sold four loads of this hay, which made two tons and 856 pounds. Last spring I used your "Tuckahoe Bone" and "Liberty Bell" mixed together in equal proportions on corn. As a result of it I have one of the best yields of corn I have ever harvested. I consider your Fertilizer first-class in every respect, and will certainly continue the use of them as long as I need a Fertilizer and the present high standard of your goods is maintained.

ARTIFICIAL HEAT.

A lady who lives on Austin avenue sent her colored servant, Matildy, to the grocery store to get a loaf of bread for breakfast, which was ready. Matildy got back pretty soon with the bread, and as the lady of the house took it she remarked:

"This is nice, fresh bread. It is warm yet from the oven."

"Dat ain't what makes it hot," interrupted Matildy.

"What does make it warm?"

"I put de bread under my arm, and run de whole way from de bakery. Dat's what warmed it up so."

The bread got cool before the lady did when she heard this explanation.

CROOK & KING, Maryland Line, Baltimore Co., Nov. 4, 1899, say: We commenced using and selling your Fertilizers last spring, and notwithstanding the unfavorable season, arising from the long drought, we have had in this vicinity this season, your goods have given satisfaction. One of our neighbors who used your "Champion Giant" brand on his spring crops could not be persuaded to use any other brand on his wheat this fall. Another one who used "Liberty Bell" in the spring was so much pleased with its results that he used it this fall on his wheat. This gives you a correct idea as to the favor in which your goods are held here. Another still more convincing proof of this is the large increase in our sales of these Fertilizers for use on wheat here this fall. For this crop, as well as for rye, your "Chieftain" was the favorite, as it is a high grade and specially adapted to grain and grass crops, and we can see that wherever it went on the outlook for a good crop was never better. We have a field ourselves of corn stubble land of about twenty acres seeded to wheat with "Chieftain," and it looks better at this writing than any we have ever heretofore had at this season of the year.

"Masser Jim," said the veteran voter, "dey tells me dat de campaign done open."

"Yes, it's well on the way now."

"Thank de Lawd fer dat, suh! De time is now come w'en a po' down-trod voter kin rise up early in de mawning en make a hones' livin'!"

SAM'L N. SMITH, Queen Anne's Co., Md., Oct. 31, 1898, says: I feel as if I cannot say too much in commendation of your "Triumph" Fertilizer, especially in the growing of tomatoes, for which crop it seems to specially be adapted. It has given unbounded satisfaction among the growers here, and its popularity is on the increase.

Mr. Smith writes again, Nov. 2, 1899: Another year's use of your "Triumph" brand of Fertilizer in this section has only the more clearly demonstrated its superior agricultural virtues, especially in the growing of tomatoes, for which crop it seems to be particularly well adapted. I think it will be very hard to find its superior in this respect.

WOOLDRIDGE'S

Double Quick

BONE STOCK

PHOSPHATE.

This brand of our standard Fertilizers is just what its name implies. It is "DOUBLE QUICK" in its effects on all crops to which it is applied, and, like the fleet horse in the race, it has been "DOUBLE QUICK" in winning its way into popular favor. "DOUBLE QUICK" never disappoints if the season be at all good. It is a valuable Fertilizer on all crops of the farm, but more especially in the growing of tobacco and all kinds of truck crops. Its record on early peas has never been surpassed by any other brand that we know of. It is put up to give the farmer satisfaction and profit, because it contains the best of everything that enters into the composition of a Fertilizer. Durability is another one of its desirable characteristics, which arises from the large amount of bone stock and the forms of potash and ammonia we employ. It consequently enriches the farmer's land for him, in addition to being "DOUBLE QUICK" in maturing the immediate crop, and, therefore, adds very materially to the aggregate profit from its use.

This brand, so universally popular among all growers of tobacco, truck and other farm crops requiring rapid forcing power, is put up out of materials that will enable it to "get there" ahead of all competitors in the early maturity of all crops to which it may be applied, besides leaving its lasting impress for good on the land behind it. Due regard has been had to the proper adjustment of the several component parts of "DOUBLE QUICK," so as to insure the very best effect in the soil, and farmers can always rely on a profitable return for the money they may invest in it. We place our name and reputation confidently behind each bag of "DOUBLE QUICK," and have no fear that it will ever fail to fully maintain itself when tried in a competitive test by the side of any other Fertilizer of like grade and price now on the market.

It costs only a moderate amount of money to buy "DOUBLE QUICK," and it is especially commended to the attention of those truckers who want a thoroughly effective goods for their business without having to pay an exorbitant price for it. Try it and be convinced.

There is an amusing story at his own expensé that General Fitzhugh Lee is fond of telling.

"We had surrendered at Appomattox," he says, "and I was riding slowly across the desolate country toward my home. My heart was heavy, my thoughts were sad. Rounding a curve in the road, I saw an old man plowing close to a fence. As I approached him he eagerly inquired of the news at the front.

" 'It is bad, very bad,' I replied. 'General Lee has surrendered.'

" 'What is that you're sayin'?' almost screamed the old fellow.

" 'General Lee has surrendered, and all is over.'

"For fully a minute he regarded me, and then said with unutterable contempt: 'That's all you know about it. That little upstart of a no-count Fitz Lee might have surrendered, but Uncle Robert? No, siree; never! Gee up, Bess!' "

CLARENCE F. HUTCHINS, Calvert Co., Md., Oct. 26, 1899, says: After handling your Fertilizers for one season only, I am pleased to say that they seem to give general satisfaction to all persons to whom I have sold them. I used your "Double Quick" myself on tobacco beside higher-cost goods, with good results in favor of yours.

"I've been looking for my husband for the last two hours," said an agitated woman to a calm one.

"Don't be excited, madam," replied the latter, "I've been looking for a husband for the last twenty-five years."

J. S. LUNSFORD, Stafford Co., Va., Oct. 19, 1899, says: I used your "Double Quick" Fertilizer on my Irish potatoes and cabbage last spring, and it has given me splendid results. The potatoes grown from it were the finest I have ever raised. I showed them to a neighboring farmer, and he pronounced them to be the finest he had ever seen grown in this county. My cabbage from "Double Quick" was equally fine. I have had very satisfactory service from the use of all of your brands that I have tested.

A. C. BURGER, York Co., Pa., Oct. 30, 1899, says: I used your "Triumph" Fertilizer last fall on my wheat-seeding, and am pleased to say that it gave me as good results as any Fertilizer I have ever used, although I have used other brands in former years that cost me more money. I have a splendid stand of grass from this application of "Triumph." I have used the same brand again this fall on my wheat, and at this writing the young plants are looking very thrifty and nice.

STRIKING AN AVERAGE.

Ordinarily a man may make a fairly competent juryman with a very little knowledge of mathematics. Nevertheless an acquaintance with the simpler problems of arithmetic is desirable, even in the jury-box. Here, for example, is a case cited by a lawyer in the Chicago Times-Herald:

I was counsel for the plaintiff in a suit brought to recover damages caused by a runaway horse. My client had been knocked down and slightly bruised—just enough upon which to base a lawsuit.

I had a very strong case; in fact, there was practically no defense, and the defendant was a rich man; so I asked for $2000, hoping to get half that amount.

Well, when the jury came in they rendered a verdict for the plaintiff, with damages assessed at $8687. Of course, the judge promptly set the verdict aside as excessive, and I had to begin over again.

Some days later I met the foreman of the jury, and asked him how in the world they arrived at such a verdict.

"Well, I don't quite understand it myself," he said, scratching his head. "We all agreed for the plaintiff on the first vote, but each fellow had his own ideas as to the damage. I was in favor of $1000, another fellow thought it ought to be $2000, and another stuck out for $700, and we were getting all tangled up, when one of the jury suggested that we strike an average."

"But you couldn't have done that," said I.

"That's just what we did," said the foreman. "Each man put down what he thought right, and I added them together. I know there seems to be something wrong about the verdict, but hanged if I can see where it is!"

JOHN F. WIGGINS, New Providence, Lancaster Co., Pa., Nov. 15, 1899, says: I have been using different brands of your Fertilizers for a number of years, chiefly "Triumph," "Champion Giant" (formerly "Little Giant") and "Liberty Bell" Potash Mixture, and have also sold them during that entire time to the farmers of this section, and am pleased to say that as a rule they have fully met the public want and given general satisfaction to those who have used them. In my own experience I can say that as grass-producers and land-builders I believe your goods are unsurpassed, as they are also in the growing of grain and other crops of the farm, although I have in former years used much higher-cost goods than yours are. My grass fields fully attest the great value of your Fertilizers, apart from the grain crops produced on the same land. I used your Fertilizers again on my wheat last fall, and had a most excellent yield at harvest, and I have had the same gratifying result on all of last spring's crops from the use of them. This fall I have them on wheat again, and have also applied "Liberty Bell" broadcast on an old mowing field for the third cutting, and from my knowledge of that brand on grass, shall look for a good crop. The field has been mowed twice already. I can confidently recommend your goods to every farmer as being thoroughly reliable. They are very popular in this section, and the sale of them increasing.

WOOLDRIDGE'S

DOUBLE QUICK

PURE BONE PHOSPHATE,

MANUFACTURED BY

THE ROBERT A. WOOLDRIDGE CO.

BALTIMORE, MD.

GUARANTEED ANALYSIS:

Ammonia (derived from dried blood, sulphate of ammonia and high-grade tankage)	2.75 to 3.25
Potash (K_2O) (derived from high-grade sulphate and muriate)	3.00 to 3.50
Equal to sulphate of potash	6.00 to 7.00
Phosphoric acid, available (derived from pure bone stock)	9.00 to 10.00
Phosphoric acid, insoluble	2.00 to 3.00
Equal to bone phosphate of lime	23.00 to 25.00

After the reading of a very long paper at a missionary meeting, the minister gave out the hymn beginning, "Hallelujah, 'Tis Done." He wondered why everybody smiled.

THE OLD MAN WAS NOT ESTHETIC.

"Why, you superlative pa!" she exclaimed, "I am utterly glad to see you." The old gentleman was somewhat unnerved by the greeting, but he recognized the sealskin cloak in his grip as the identical piece of property he had paid for with his bay mare, and he sort of squat it up in his arms and planted a kiss where it would do the most good, with a report that sounded above the noise of the depot. In a brief space of time the trunk and its attendant baggage were loaded into the wagon, which was soon bumping over the hubbles toward home.

"Pa, dear," said the young miss, surveying the team with a critical eye, "do you consider this quite excessively beyond?"

"Hey?" returned the old man, with a puzzled air. "Quite excessively beyond what? Beyond Warren? I consider it about ten miles beyond Warren, countin' from the Bath way, if that's what you mean."

"Oh, no, papa, you don't understand me," the daughter explained. "I mean this horse and wagon. Do you think they are soulful? Do you think they could be studied apart in the light of a symphony, or even a simple poem, and appear as intensely utter to one on returning home as one could express?"

The old man twisted uneasily in his seat, and muttered something about he believed it used to be used for an express wagon before he bought it to deliver pork in, but the conversation appeared to be traveling in such a lonesome direction that he fetched the horse a resounding crack on the rotunda, and the severe jolting over the frozen ground prevented further remarks.

"Oh, there is that lovely and consummate ma!" screamed the returned collegiate, as they drove up to the door, and presently she was lost in the embrace of a motherly woman in spectacles.

"Well, Maria," said the old man at the supper-table, as he nipped a piece of butter off the lump with his own knife, "an' how'd you like your school?"

"Well, there, pa, now you are show—I mean I consider it far too beyond," replied the daughter. "It is unquenchably ineffable. The girls are so sumptuously stunning—I mean grand, so exquite, so intense. And then the parties, the balls, the rides—Oh, the past weeks have been one sublime harmony."

"I s'pose so, I s'pose so," nervously assented the old man, as he reached for his third cup half full. "But how about your books—readin', writin', grammar, rule o' three—how about them?"

"Pa, dont," exclaimed the daughter reproachfully; "the rule of three! grammar! It is French, and music, and painting, and the divine in art that has made my school life the bos—I mean that have rendered it one unbroken flow of rhythmic bliss—the incomparably and exquisitely all but."

The grocery man and his wife looked hopelessly at each other across the table. After a lonesome pause, the old lady said: "How do you like the biscuit, Mary?"

"They are too utter for anything," gushed the accomplished young lady, "and this plum preserve is simply a poem in itself."

The old man abruptly rose from the table and went out of the room, rubbing his head in a dazed and benumbed manner, and the mass-convention was dissolved. That night he and his wife sat alone by the stove until a late hour, and at the breakfast-table the next morning he rapped smartly on the table with the handle of his knife, and remarked: "Maria, me an' your mother have been talkin' the thing over, an' we've come to the conclusion that this boardin' school business is too utterly all but too much nonsense. Me an' her consider that we haven't lived sixty-odd consummate years for the purpose of raising a curiosity, an' there's going to be a stop put to this unquenchable foolishness. Now, after you've finished eating that poem of fried sausage an' that symphony of twisted doughnut, you take and dust upstair in less than two seconds and peel off that fancy gown an' put on a calliker, an' then come down here and help your mother wash dishes. I want it distinctly understood that there ain't going to be no more rhythmic foolishness in this house so long's your superlative pa an' your lovely an' consummate ma's running the ranch. You hear me, Maria?" Maria was listening.

F. R. TOWNSEND, Beatty, Pa., Nov. 24, 1899, says: I have been using your Fertilizers on my different crops for several years and selling some of them to my neighbors, and during that time have written you repeatedly in regard to the satisfactory results we were all realizing from them, and I now wish to reaffirm all that I have heretofore said concerning them. We find them to be different from the general run of Fertilizers on the market in that they are more lasting and durable, besides their prompt and effective work on crops. Your "Triumph" and "Champion Giant" brands are the great favorites here. I made a test of these goods two years ago on wheat, and where I applied them I got two sheaves of wheat where I got only one from the unfertilized part of the field, and the stand of clover was immense. Some of our farmers say that your Fertilizers pay them a better profit than any other Fertilizer costing them $4 or $5 more per ton.

Teacher—"Do you stutter all the time?"
New Boy—"N-n-no, ma'am; only wh-wh-when I t-t-t-talk."

SAML. J. PRITCHETT, ESQ., Superintendent Somerset Co. (Md.) Almshouse Farm, Nov. 10, 1899, says: I have been using your Fertilizers on this farm for the past three years, in conjunction with other brands of Fertilizers costing more money, and it gives me pleasure in saying that in this competitive test the results from your goods have been entirely satisfactory, and I shall continue to use them in the future.

This fellow is wise, who, using both eyes,
Saws 'twixt himself and the big tree,
As compared with the one who finds himself done
By the rank Fertilizers we see

Nowadays, which are being offered with such wonderful stories about "their past glories" and their great achievements in *the days that are gone.* Live, progressive farmers are more interested in the present worth of the Fertilizers that they are going to use on their crops. They are not so particular about the "brand" on the bag as they are about what is on the inside of the bag itself.

You can run no risk in buying and using the Genuine Wooldridge High-Class Fertilizers, which are sold on their present worth and under the brands and trade-marks of the manufacturers. Look out for "used to be" and "once was" Fertilizers that are being offered on the past reputation of concerns which have been out of the Fertilizer business for a number of years. Buy from manufacturers who are satisfied to use THEIR OWN names and brands.

FRANK BROWN, Chester Co., Pa., Oct. 30, 1899, says: I have been using the Wooldridge Fertilizers for a number of years—bought from the agent at Kelton (Mr. Franklin G. Evans)—and the results of them during that time on my crops of different kinds have been most satisfactory. I can, therefore, very confidently recommend these goods to all farmers in search of reliable and effective Fertilizers.

"It is odd, but true," said the Cornfield Philosopher, "that the man who speaks without thinking is the one most apt to say what he thinks."

A London exquisite—in America he would be called a dude—had gone into a West End restaurant, says "Spare Moments," and was far from pleased with the way in which his order was filled.

"Do you call that a veal cutlet?" he demanded of the waiter. "Why, such a cutlet as that is an insult to every self-respecting calf in the British Empire."

The waiter hung his head for a moment, but recovered himself and said, in a tone of respectful apology:

"I really didn't intend to insult you, sir."

MRS. S. T. KIMBLE, Cecil Co., Md., Nov. 4, 1899, says: I am, as you know, one of your oldest customers in this neighborhood, having used your Fertilizers for the past twelve years, and it gives me much pleasure to say that in all that time I have had only one or two crops on all of my farms that could not be called full, and even in those years the fault could not by any means be attributed to the Fertilizer, but was due alone to an unfavorable season and other causes which no Fertilizer could remedy. In all other seasons I have been blest with abundant crops of both grain and grass. Added to this return on my outlay in your goods I can plainly see a wonderful increase in the fertility of my land, which improvement has been steady and gradual ever since the first year that I began to use them. I used this year your "Champion Giant" brand on my corn, and it has given me a most excellent crop. In my wheat-seeding this fall I have used the "Triumph" brand, and the young plants up to this writing have made a splendid growth. After such a satisfactory experience as this with your Fertilizers through the many years that I have used them it is hardly necessary for me to add that I expect to keep on with them in the future.

"What is Willie crying about?" asked Mrs. Brown-Smith of Bridget, who had care of the little boy for the afternoon. "Shure, ma'am, he wants to go across the street to Johnny Jones." "Well, why didn't you let him go?" "They were having charades, he said, ma'am," was Bridget's explanation, "and I wasn't shure as he'd had 'em yet, ma'am."

MESSRS. BEAL & BEASLEY, Allegany Co., Md., Oct. 1, 1898, say: We have been agents for the sale of your Fertilizers for several years, and have not heard one word of complaint from anyone who has used them, but, on the contrary, all have been well pleased with the results obtained from them.

Messrs. Beal & Beasley write again, Nov. 11, 1899: We have nothing new to write you concerning your Fertilizers in this section, but wish to reaffirm what we said in our letter of October 1, 1898. After another year's experience in selling your goods we find that they still continue to give good satisfaction in results, and we have not heard one word of complaint from any of our customers concerning them. The only difficulty we have with some purchasers is that they want the *best Fertilizers* at the prices of inferior sorts.

WOOLDRIDGE'S

Special Potato Fertilizer,

FOR

IRISH POTATOES.

Farmers in want of a special Fertilizer for the growing of Irish potatoes at a moderate price, and one that will meet their every requirement for that crop, have it in our "SPECIAL POTATO" Mixture. Many mixtures designed for that purpose are away beyond the average farmer's reach in price, and leave him but little profit on his investment, especially in ordinary years, when prices for potatoes are low and yield poor. We have put our "SPECIAL POTATO" together out of our usual high-grade materials, and by adding a very liberal amount of potash, which the crop so much requires, we have manipulated a Fertilizer that has at once become universally popular in every section that it has been used, many growers declaring that it is the best for its purpose they have ever found at any price. While we have much higher-cost goods for the growing of potatoes, the only special advantage they possess is their power to mature the crop *earlier* than our "SPECIAL POTATO" will, but in all the more northern sections of our territory, where successful competition in that respect cannot be made with more southern growers, but where largeness of yield and perfection of tuber are the main considerations, our "SPECIAL POTATO" will "fill the bill."

"SPECIAL POTATO" is not, however, confined to the narrow limits of potato-growing; it has been found equally effective on tobacco, tomatoes, etc., crops requiring equally as much potash for their full development and maturity as potatoes do.

In the growing of tobacco "SPECIAL POTATO" will be found a very desirable Fertilizer in producing a very fine quality of a smooth and silky texture, and in ripening it up evenly and nicely.

Farmers growing tomatoes for sale by the ton to the canners, where solidity and weight of the product is the main consideration, should not fail to use "SPECIAL POTATO," as it always produces the most perfect crop of this desirable vegetable.

Notwithstanding the high analysis of "SPECIAL POTATO" and the high grade of material out of which it is made, its price is very reasonable, and enables all farmers to buy and prove its merits for themselves. And we earnestly advise them to do so, satisfied that they will be pleased with the results.

A man who did not like to speak ill of others was heard to say, under circumstances of great provocation, "Mr. —— may be all that we hope, but if he were under a tree on a dark night and I were a chicken I would roost high."

DENNIS FINNEGAN, Chester Co., Pa., Oct. 28, 1899, says: I have been buying different brands of your Fertilizers from the agent at Kelton (Mr. Franklin G. Evans) and using them on my crops ever since I bought my farm, and their results have always been satisfactory to me. I have a splendid field of corn this year where I put your "Tuckahoe Bone" and the "Liberty Bell" Potash Mixture mixed together before being applied to the land. On my potatoes this year I used your "Triumph" brand, and have a good yield of large-size ones.

"Papa, what's a philosopher?"

"He's a man who bears other people's troubles with fortitude, my son."

C. P. RANDALL, Berks Co., Pa., Nov. 8, 1899, says: I have been using your Fertilizers for the past six years on the various crops of my farm, and I can say from my own experience with them that I am fully satisfied they are as good, if not better, for the prices at which they are sold than any others of which I have knowledge, and I have in former years used all the different kinds sold in this neighborhood. I am especially pleased with your "Triumph" Mixture, which is a great goods. I believe it to be, beyond any doubt, the best Fertilizer for universal use on *all* the crops of the farm that I have ever seen. Last fall I used your "Buffalo" brand on my wheat, and it gave me a good crop this year, besides leaving a fine stand of grass on the land.

"LO! I AM WITH YOU ALWAY."

A busy woman entered her room hastily as twilight shades were falling, went directly to her desk, turned on the gas, and began to write. Page after page she wrote; five minutes she worked, ten, half an hour. The solitude became oppressive. She wheeled her chair around, and, with a shock of joyful surprise, looked squarely into the smiling face of her dearest friend lying on the lounge by her side.

"Why, I didn't know you were here!" she cried. "Why didn't you speak to me?"

"Because you were so busy. You didn't speak to me."

So with Jesus—here all the time. The room is full of Him, always ready to greet us with a smile—but we are so busy! But when the solitude grows oppressive—and there are heart solitudes that can be only broken as we let this dearest Friend speak—we suddenly turn, and lo! He is at our side. We speak to Him, and He speaks to us, and the soul's deepest yearnings are completely satisfied. —Selected.

C. LEE SEWARDS, Sewards, Dorchester Co., Md., Nov. 22, 1899, says: I used several brands of your Fertilizers the past spring on different crops of the farm with the most satisfactory results. On my corn I used the "Liberty Bell" Potash Mixture, and it gave me a splendid crop. I also used your "Old Sledge" Mixture with fine results. On three acres of land that I planted in potatoes I applied 2800 pounds of your "Special Potato Fertilizer," and I got over 800 bushels of marketable potatoes, which netted me $400. I don't think that this brand of your goods can possibly be excelled in the growing of potatoes, and it will pay every time to put it on liberally. I can cheerfully recommend all of your brands to be just as you represent them to be.

"Look at me," exclaimed the leading lawyer, warmly. "I never took a drop of medicine in my life, and I'm as strong as any two of your patients put together."

"Well, that's nothing," retorted the physician. "I never went to law in my life, and I'm as rich as any two dozen of your clients put together."

JUDGE THOMAS CROXTON, Tappahannock, Essex Co., Va., Nov. 3, 1899, says: I have used various brands of the Fertilizers made by your company for a number of years, and have written you regularly each year as to my satisfactory experiences with them on the different crops of the farm, including wheat, oats, corn, peas, potatoes, clover, etc., and I now wish to reaffirm all that I have heretofore said in my several letters respecting their great agricultural value. This year I used your "Special Potato Mixture" on potatoes and turnips, and made the finest crops of both that I have ever grown, despite the very dry season that has prevailed in this section. The fair test that I have given your goods during the time that I have used them fully satisfies me that an investment in them by any farmer will be found by him to be profitable.

WOOLDRIDGE'S

Special Potato Fertilizer,

FOR IRISH POTATOES,

MANUFACTURED BY

THE ROBERT A. WOOLDRIDGE CO.

BALTIMORE, MD.

GUARANTEED ANALYSIS:

Ammonia (derived from meat and high-grade tankage)	2.00 to 2.50
Potash (K_2O) (derived from high-grade muriate and sulphate)	5.00 to 6.00
Phosphoric acid, available (derived from pure bone stock)	9.00 to 10.00
Phosphoric acid, insoluble	1.50 to 2.00
Equal to bone phosphate of lime	20.00 to 22.00

See that you get the Genuine Wooldridge Special Potato, which is put up in 167-pound bags (twelve bags to the ton), and which has the name of THE ROBERT A. WOOLDRIDGE CO. branded on each bag.

Beware of so-called Wooldridge goods which are falsely represented as being the same as Wooldridge's, and upon which unscrupulous dealers are making large profits by trading on our past efforts and good reputation for making strictly High-Class Fertilizers.

"Where are you going, blooomer maid?"
"To ride a bicycle, sir," she said.
"Do you ride man-fashion, pretty maid?"
"I must straddle that question, sir," she said.

CHAS. F. BALL, Northumberland Co., Va., Nov. 9, 1899, says: I used your "Special Potato" Fertilizer on my potatoes last spring at the rate of 600 pounds to the acre in the row at planting time. Alongside of it poultry-house manure was used in the same manner. Owing to the unfavorable season for potatoes, I had only a fair yield, but it was much better from the Fertilizer than it was where the manure was used.

Why is love like a canal boat? Because it's an internal transport.

PRESTON F. POWELL, Chester Co., Pa., Oct. 28, 1899, says: I have for the past six years been buying from your agent at Kelton (Mr. F. G. Evans) various brands of Fertilizers made by your company, which I have given a fair and impartial test on the different crops of my farm, and am able to say at this time that their use has been entirely satisfactory, and that I am still using them, having them on my young wheat now growing.

CURIOUS EPITAPHS.

More Odd Mortuary Inscriptions, Mostly from New England.

We have come across another collection of curious epitaphs, this time in the New York Sun, and all alleged to be genuine. Here are some of the oddest (quoted from the article):

One custom about writing epitaphs was that of punning. The volume contains many of this sort. Here is one from a New Haven churchyard on Henry Miles:

This tombstone is a milestone; and why so?
Because beneath it lies Miles; he's miles below.
A little man he was—a dwarf in size,
Yet now stretched out at least miles long he lies.
This grave, tho small, contains a space so wide,
There's Miles in length and breadth and room beside.

The following is from a New London, Conn., churchyard:

Poor Martha Shiell has gone away,
Her would if she could, but her couldn't stay;
Her had 2 bad legs and a baddish cough;
It was her two bad legs that carried her off.

The prolific Mrs. Jennings, in a churchyard in Elizabeth, N. J., had the following inscribed to her memory:

Some have children, some have none,
Here lies the mother of twenty-one.

On a stone in a churchyard near Bangor, Maine, is this inscription:

Sacred to the memory of James H. R——m, who died Aug. the 6th, 1800. His widow, who mourns as one who can be comforted, aged 24, and possesses every qualification for a good wife, lives at —— street, in village.

Near by the above is the following:

Here lies the body of William Dent.
Death turned up his heels and away he went.

From a cemetery in an Ohio town are gathered the following:

The Lord saw good, I was lopping off wood,
And down fell me from the tree;
I met with a check and broke my neck,
And so death lopped off me.

Here is another:

Under this sod
And under these trees
Lieth the bod-
Y of Solomon Pease.
He's not in his bole,
But only his pod;
He shelled his soul
And went up to God.

To a girl tattler is inscribed the following:

Beneath this stone, a lump of clay,
Lies Arabella Young,
Who, on the 24th of May,
Began to hold her tongue.

A Jersey physician had these lines inscribed to his memory:

Here Doctor Fischer lies interred,
Who filled half the churchyard.

Here are a few epitaphs illustrating the exigencies of rhyming:

Here lies, alas! more the pity,
All that remains of Nicholas Newcity.
N. B.—His name was Newtown.

And the following:

Here lies the body of Thomas Woodhen,
The most amiable of husbands and excellent of men.
N. B.—His real name was Woodcock, but wouldn't come in rhyme.
His Widow.

HON. J. G. DEW, King and Queen Co., Va., Nov. 3, 1898, says: I write to say that I have experimented quite extensively with your Fertilizers, and have also sold them to my neighbors during the past spring and again this fall, and I am happy in saying that they have acted well in every instance and given general satisfaction, especially in the case where your Florida Acid, "Liberty Bell" Potash Mixture and "Triumph" brands were used. I find that where other high-cost Fertilizers were used in this section on tobacco and potatoes they did not do any better work than your "Triumph" brand did on those crops.

Judge Dew writes again, Nov. 1, 1899: I have used and sold many tons of your Fertilizers during the past year, and have only heard words of commendation of them from those who have used them. Your goods have acted especially well on peas, corn and tobacco, and are very popular in this section of the country.

"Oh, Louise!" exclaimed Miss Wallflower, "what do you think?"

"What is it?" asked Miss Wallflower's dearest friend.

"I've had three offers of marriage this week."

"And your uncle's will in your favor was only made known last week! Oh, the wonderful power of money!"

EDWARD WATKINS, Marion Co., W. Va., Nov. 7, 1898, says: I have used your "Triumph" Fertilizer this year on potatoes, cabbage, corn and other garden truck, and I can unhesitatingly recommend it to be a first-class Fertilizer for all kinds of spring crops. I have already notified your agent here that I shall not use any other goods but yours next season for whatever quantity I may need. I am certainly very much pleased with "Triumph."

Mr. Watkins writes again, Oct. 17, 1899: I have used your High-Grade Fertilizers now for the past two years on truck crops, and am happy in saying that I believe they are just the proper thing for all truckers and gardeners to use. They have given me the fullest satisfaction in results. I also noticed the effect of your "Triumph" brand this year on a neighbor's wheat crop. The result he obtained was splendid. I am satisfied that your goods are first-class.

The kind of sympathy which some people have with human suffering—a sympathy which concerns itself with the effect of the spectacle of that suffering on themselves rather than with the feelings and relief of the sufferers—is neatly satirized in this story:

Mr. Coddle, returning to his office after a trip outside, drew a long face.

"Oh, dear," he sighed, "I saw such a dreadful-looking beggar on the street! He was the very picture of the demon of starvation, and the sight of him had such a curious effect on me."

"What effect?" he was asked.

"It actually made me hungry to look at him."

"And what did you do?"

"I went and got my dinner, though it was hardly twelve o'clock."

W. S. COCHRAN, Chester Co., Pa., Oct. 25, 1899, says: I bought my present farm last spring, and having no farm manure to put on the land for my crops, was compelled to rely on Fertilizers entirely. These I procured of your goods from Mr. Franklin G. Evans, agent at Kelton. I used the "Champion Giant" (formerly "Little Giant") brand, and also "Tuckahoe Bone" mixed with "Liberty Bell" for corn, and I have an excellent crop from each kind. I have used your Fertilizers entirely this fall on my wheat, as my experience thus far in their use leads me to be entirely satisfied with them.

"Oratory is a gift, not an acquirement," said the proud politician, as he sat down after an hour's harangue.

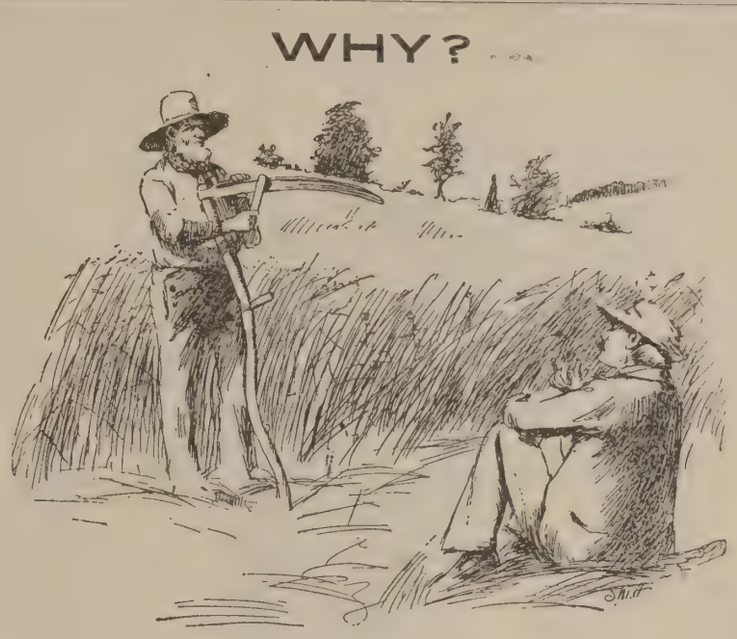
"I understand," said the matter-of-fact chairman. "We're not blamin' you. You done the best you could."

JAMES H. ROBERTS, Kent Co., Del., Oct. 31, 1899, says: I have been using your Fertilizers ever since the year 1893, and my experience with them has been very satisfactory. I find that your "Triumph" brand is a most excellent Fertilizer for tomatoes, corn, and, in fact, for all plants. "Champion Giant" is also a good Fertilizer. It makes the corn and wheat grow and yield well, while your "Liberty Bell" Potash Mixture—last but not least—I find to be a good wheat Fertilizer also. These are the facts as brought out in my experience with your goods.

Lady Customer (in china store)—"Do you break these sets?"

Dealer—"No, madam; the purchasers' servants usually attend to that."

SIMON EBERLY, Lancaster Co., Pa., Nov. 13, 1899, says: On a part of my wheat land last fall I used your "Triumph" Fertilizer, leaving the balance of the field unfertilized. The land was put in wheat, and at harvest this year I got just *three times* the amount of wheat from the land where "Triumph" went to that where none was put. I have used this brand before, and it has always given me excellent results, and I do not propose to do without it in the future.



This young man from the city is worrying his uncle with questions. He has brought out the fact that the uncle has the strong common sense to use the Robert A. Wooldridge Co.'s High-Class Fertilizers (as attested by the character of the crop), and is now endeavoring to convince the old gentleman that the next thing to do is to have machinery which will save human wear and tear and make a heavier bank account. The especial argument he is employing at the moment is, if there were various pieces of labor-saving machinery about at the time, he could be working with one of them instead of sitting and watching the man with the scythe, for two people cannot work with one scythe. The argument seems to be effective. The old gentleman has abundant common sense, as shown by his use of the Robert A. Wooldridge Co.'s Fertilizers. The inference is that time-saving machinery will be the next investment.

G. H. DILLARD, Essex Co., Va., Oct. 20, 1899, writes: I have been using your Fertilizers made after the formula originally designed by your Mr. R. A. Wooldridge now for a number of years on my different farms, and am pleased to say that they have given me entire satisfaction as to the yield of wheat, corn and oats, and more especially on clover and the different grasses. I have cut and saved this season three cuttings of hay from a field where your "Triumph" Fertilizer was applied in the spring of 1898 in connection with some farm manure that was put on the land the fall previous on my wheat crop. I have repeatedly written you of my high opinion of your Fertilizers during the long years that I have been using them, and can truly say today that my opinion remains unchanged.

A PARODY ON THE HOUSE THAT JACK BUILT.

This is the house that Sam built.

[The Distiller.]

This is the man
Who says that he can
Manage the house that Sam built.

This is the drink
(How sad to think!)
That is made by the man
Who swears that he can
Manage the house that Sam built.

[Legislators, Magistrates, Commissioners, etc.]

These are the lawmakers,
Really lawbreakers,
Who license the drink
(How sad to think!)
That is made by the man
Who swears that he can
Manage the house that Sam built.

[Democrats, republicans, etc., many of them preachers, church members and professing Christians.]

Then here are the people,
Some of whom worship
Under the church steeple!
And then cast their ballots
For these lawmakers,
Really lawbreakers,
That license the drink
(How sad to think!)
That is made by the man
Who swears that he can
Manage the house that Sam built.

[There are 700,000 drunkards in this country, made so by Uncle Sam's legalized (?) whiskey.]

Alas! these are the drunkards,
Made so by the people,
Some of whom worship
Under the church steeple,
And then cast their ballots
For the lawmakers,
Truly lawbreakers,
That license the drink
(How sad to think!)
That is made by the man
Who swears that he can
Manage the house that Sam built.

[Children, Mothers, Wives, etc.]

Look at the children,
Sad-eyed and dreary,
The mothers and wives,
Broken-hearted and weary,
Of the men who are drunkards,
Made so by the people,
Some of whom worship
Under the church steeple,
And then cast their ballots
For these lawmakers,
Really lawbreakers,
That license the drink
(How sad to think!),
That is made by the man
Who swears that he can
Manage the house that Sam built.

[Written originally for "The Voice" by L. A. E. Stikeleather of Olin, N. C. Specially illustrated for this Almanack by Stanley M. Arthurs of Kenton, Del.]

J. C. STRAWBRIDGE, York Co., Pa., Nov. 20, 1899, says: I have been using several brands of your Fertilizers on the crops of my farm with the most satisfactory results. I have been applying the "Liberty Bell" Potash Mixture on my oats and the "Chieftain" and "Champion Giant" brands on wheat and grass, and on all of these crops your goods have done good work for me, and I am much pleased with them, and believe them to be honest and reliable Fertilizers.

WOOLDRIDGE'S

SWEEPSTAKES

TRUCK PHOSPHATE.

We have combined in the formula of this grand goods a special truck Fertilizer at a medium price, and when we say that it will grow truck crops with the best of them we mean every word we say, and all of our patrons who have used it for years will gladly supplement our statement. We have gathered together all of the best elements of plant-food, and by careful adjustment of its several parts have happily succeeded in the manipulation of "SWEEPSTAKES" in producing a mixture of wonderful efficacy in the early and perfect maturity of the various kinds of truck crops grown within our territory of trade. It is a perfect specialty for early Irish potatoes, as its rapid forcing power, combined with its very large percentage of potash, always results, in favorable seasons, in yielding a most profitable crop of perfect tubers and in maturing them in ample time to enable the grower to avail himself of the high prices prevailing in the early markets. This brand of our goods has been on the market for a number of years, and has been extensively used in North Carolina, Virginia, Southern Maryland and Delaware, not only on potatoes, but on cabbage, melons of all kinds and in general truck-growing, and it has scored a great triumph of success in all competitive tests made by the side of others wherever it has been used. We regard this favorite brand of ours as one of the cheapest and best goods for its special purpose we have ever put in the farmer's hands, as it supplies his wants at a very reasonable price and returns him a large profit on the money he may put in it. "SWEEPSTAKES" is made up of the very best grades of material in its several parts that can possibly be had, and, therefore, possesses a permanency in its application to the land, as well as promptness of activity on crops, which has attracted the attention of all who have used it. Its popularity has been largely added to by this distinguishing feature of its effects. It is not a mere stimulant, but a land-builder also. Try it.

"Jedge, you honah," said the defendant, "I ain't got much to say foh merse'f."

"It doesn't look as if you could have."

"I done had the turkey, an' I didn't buy 'im, but I has 'stenuatin' cuhcumstances ter offah in de consideration of dis here case."

"What are they?"

"De fack dat dis heer tuhkey didn't know no bettah dan ter be peramb'latin' 'round right undah mah nose jes' between Thanksgivin' an' Christmas. Ef I wus obercome, jedge, by de 'citement ob de moment, I'se willin' te b'ah de consequences. But hit do seem ter me dat sumfin' orter be did 'bout de criminal negleck on de paht ob de tuhkey."

GEO. F. OWENS, Wicomico Co., Md., Oct. 16, 1899, says: I have been using different brands of your Fertilizers for several years, and am pleased to say that I think they are the surest brands for a crop, taking one year with another, that I have ever used in my farming operations. I used your "Sweepstakes" this year on potatoes beside a $33 phosphate, and the potatoes from your goods were decidedly the best. I also used the "Liberty Bell" Potash Mixture on corn last spring, and you can plainly see to the row where I began with the "Liberty Bell, alongside of a much higher cost Fertilizer. The corn is *much better* in *yield and quality* both from it than from the higher-cost goods. I shall surely continue the use of your Fertilizers as long as you maintain their present high standard.

"This trick donkey, ladies and gentlemen, can smoke cigarettes, drink beer, read the newspapers, and, in fact, has all the accomplishments of a modern dude."

"What a perfect ass he must be!" said Hicks.

P. F. STABLER, Ashton, Montgomery Co., Md., Nov. 9, 1899, says: After having used and sold your Fertilizers for quite a number of years, during which time I have repeatedly written you in regard to the great satisfaction they had given to the farmers in this section as well as myself, I now write to confirm what I have heretofore written and to add that I am still using your goods with the best of results. I can say this specially in regard to your old standard mixture, "Triumph," on grass crops. It always brings the heaviest crops of clover under favorable conditions, and is therefore a permanent land-builder. "Triumph" is all right on wheat and grass.

Mrs. Mackay—"An' so ye have no mother now?"

Jimmy—"No, mum."

Mrs. Mackay—"Well, my boy, whenever ye feel the want of a good licking, come to me, and I'll be a mother to ye."

JOS. LUCK, Prince William Co., Va., Oct. 16, 1899, says: I used of your brands of Fertilizers on my spring crops this year "Triumph" and "Liberty Bell," and they have both given me the best results, and I am much pleased with them.

A young lady was asked by her uncle the other day to make some purchases for him, and was given a written list. The first item was "Scott's Emulsion." After looking at this item, the young woman walked into a book store, where she was received by a clerk whose ability exceeded her own.

"I want a copy of 'Scott's Emulsion,' said she.

"Scott's what?" said the clerk.

" 'Scott's Emulsion,' replied the maiden.

"Oh, yes," was the answer. "Well, you see we don't sell Scott's works except in complete sets."

HENRY F. ANDREW, ESQ., one of our most esteemed agents at Newton, Caroline Co., Md., writes, Nov. 1, 1898: I have now been handling your different brands of Fertilizers for quite a number of years, and can truthfully say that the longer the farmers use them the more they speak in their favor. I find your "Triumph" to be the leader here for all spring crops, such as potatoes, cabbage, tomatoes, melons and all garden vegetables. "Champion Giant" and "Liberty Bell" Potash Mixture have made fast friends by their action on corn and tomatoes in this section, notwithstanding the very unfavorable season of this year. I cordially wish you the success in the sale of your Fertilizers which you so richly merit.

Mr. Andrew writes again, Nov. 15, 1899: After another year's experience in the use of your Fertilizers I wish to confirm what I wrote you in my letter of November 1, 1898, concerning my opinion of their merits as gained by my personal experience and my observation on the crops of other farmers in this section. I used your goods again this year on different crops. I had a small acreage of very thin land in tomatoes, on which I applied your "Triumph" and "Champion Giant" brands. There were 5840 hills of tomatoes in the piece of ground, and I used one bag of "Triumph" (167 pounds) and one and one-half bags of "Little Giant" on them in the hill, and set the plants from the first to the tenth of June, and I sold from this piece of ground 614 baskets of splendid tomatoes, which brought me twelve cents a basket. So I think that the two and one-half bags of Fertilizer paid me handsomely for the outlay. No farm manure was used at all on the land. All of my other crops, from the use of your goods this year, have been very good, except white potatoes, which the season did not seem to suit. Sweet potatoes did well. If my statement in regard to the merits of your Fertilizers shall induce some other farmer to use them I think after a fair trial they will speak in their favor, as I most cheerfully do at all times.

WOOLDRIDGE'S SWEEPSTAKES

"SURE SHOT"

Truck Phosphate,

MANUFACTURED BY

THE ROBERT A. WOOLDRIDGE CO.

BALTIMORE, MD.

GUARANTEED ANALYSIS:

Ammonia (derived from dried blood, sulphate of ammonia or high-grade tankage)	3.00 to 3.50
Potash (K_2O) (derived from high-grade muriate and sulphate)	8.00 to 8.50
Phosphoric acid, available (derived from pure bone stock)	7.00 to 8.00
Phosphoric acid, insoluble	1.50 to 2.00
Equal to bone phosphate of lime	15.00 to 18.00

Someone threw a head of cabbage at an Irish orator while he was making a speech. He paused a moment and said: "Gentlemen, I only asked for your ears; I don't care for your heads!" He was not bothered with any more during the remainder of the speech.

JOHN C. LEWELLYN, Taylor Co., W. Va., Nov. 27, 1899, says: I have been using different brands of the genuine Wooldridge High-Class Fertilizers for several years on my land, including "Liberty Bell" Potash Mixture, "Champion Giant" (formerly called "Little Giant") and "Triumph" Bone Stock Phosphate, with the most satisfactory results. This year (1899) I used your Fertilizers on corn on a piece of land that had been cleared a number of years, and I got a yield of fifty bushels of shelled corn to the acre. I feel as if I cannot too highly recommend the Robt. A. Wooldridge Co.'s Fertilizers to any farmer wanting honest and reliable goo-

WOOLDRIDGE'S
Golden Crown
ANIMAL BONE
TRUCK FERTILIZER.

"GOLDEN CROWN" is one of the most popular truck Fertilizers we have ever made. Its quality, price and uniformly good work in the soil wherever tried have united in fixing it firmly in the farmers' favor. In the more southern sections of our territory it has been the more extensively used in growing truck crops of all kinds for an early market, and many truckers have discarded all other brands for "GOLDEN CROWN," as they have found from years of experience that it is just what they require for profit in all of their trucking operations. Among the greatest of its triumphs is the growing of early Irish potatoes. This has been done very largely in lower Maryland, Virginia and North Carolina, and its work on that special crop has never been surpassed by any other brand put in competition with it. Its value, however, takes a much wider range, and applies with equal force to the general line of truck crops, such as spinach, kale, melons, etc., and it may confidently be relied upon to give a good account of itself, no matter on what crop it is used. It is made up of the purest and best materials that we can get, and combines not only promptness of action on the immediate crop, but also durability in the soil to enrich it for succeeding crops. For trucking purposes and for small fruits or vegetables "GOLDEN CROWN" meets every possible requirement. We refer our readers to its analysis, and also to its results as proven by actual soil tests. From these anyone will see that "GOLDEN CROWN" is practically one of the best Fertilizers of the day—one which does its work faithfully, thoroughly and honestly.

Do not be fooled by the claims and false representations of unscrupulous dealers who want to sell you some other goods on which they can make larger profits, but ask for and insist on having the Genuine Wooldridge "GOLDEN CROWN" Phosphate, as made after the original Wooldridge formula and manufactured exclusively by the Robert A. Wooldridge Co., Baltimore, Md.

In addition to giving the convicted man a term of ten years in prison, the judge imposed on him the gratuitous punishment of a long speech made for the benefit of the reporters, in which he set forth specifically the reasons for his action.

"You needn't of done all that apologizin' fer imposin' on a feller-man," said the culprit kindly. "They ain't no hard feelings on my part. I know as well as you do that a man can't hold the job of judge and act the gentleman at the same time."

W. E. THOMAS, Northampton Co., Va., Oct. 23, 1899, says: For the past thirteen years I have been using and selling your High-Grade Fertilizers to my brother farmers of this neighborhood. I have used and sold them with a great deal of confidence, believing them to be composed of honest materials, and I am glad to say that results from them have fully justified me in that opinion. During the long time I have handled them my sales have been confined chiefly to your "Golden Crown" (7 per cent.) goods for early Irish potatoes (our main crop here), and your "Chieftain" for sweet potatoes. On those crops these two brands have never been surpassed by any other goods. "Golden Crown" on Irish potatoes here this year, alongside of other Fertilizers of equal grade, not only made the largest yield of the two Fertilizers, but, as a matter of fact, the *largest crop that was grown in this section.* There is no disputing the efficacy of your Fertilizers in our soil or their popularity among our farmers.

At a meeting of a certain local vestry lately it was debated whether or no a chandelier should be purchased for the town hall. "Well, gents," at length put in one of the economy members, "it's all very well for you to talk o' wasting the ratepayers' money on a chandelier, but what I want to know is, when you've got it who's going to play on it?"

E. H. BARRETT, Northumberland Co., Va., Nov. 9, 1899, says: I used your "Golden Crown" Fertilizer on potatoes last spring at the rate of 500 pounds to the acre in the row at planting time, and mixing well with the soil before dropping the seed potatoes. Alongside of it I used hogpen manure in the same manner. Where "Golden Crown" went I got the best crop I have ever before had from the use of any Fertilizer, the yield being much better than where the manure was applied. After taking out the potatoes I put the land in ruta baga turnips, and the Fertilizer was most plainly marked on them also, and I shall have a fine crop, thus giving me an additional profit on my investment in the Fertilizer.

A BOY'S ESSAY ON HORNETS.

A hornet is the smartest bug that flies anywhere. He comes when he pleases, and goes when he gets ready. One way a hornet shows his smartness is by attending to his own business, and making everybody who interferes with him wish they had done the same thing.

When a hornet stings a fellow he knows it, and never stops talking about it as long as his friends will listen to him. One day a hornet stung my pa (my pa is a preacher) on the nose, and he did not do any pastoral visiting for a month without talking about that hornet.

Another way a hornet shows his smartness is by not procrastinating. If he has any business with you he will attend to it at once, and then leave you to think it over to yourself. He don't do like the mosquito, who comes fooling around for half an hour singing, "Cousin, cousin," and then when he has bled you all he can, dash away yelling, "No kin." A hornet never bleeds you; but if he sticks you, you will go off on a swell.

I don't know anything more about hornets, only that Josh Billings says: "A hornet is an inflammible (Josh was a poor speller) buzzer, sudden in his impreshuns, and rather hasty in his conclusions, or end."

CAPT, HARRY H. TRAVERS, Northumberland Co., Va., Oct. 30, 1899, says: I have been using your Fertilizers of different brands ever since I began farming here, and have subjected them to severe tests in competition with the best manures produced on the farm of the various kinds, and I am pleased to say that they have stood the ordeal well, and have unmistakably proved their superiority as commercial Fertilizers. They have never failed to pay me well for the outlay on any crop to which I have applied them. In addition to grain and grass growing, I grow a good deal of truck and fruit, and I have had the largest measure of success with your "Golden Crown" and "Triumph" brands on potatoes, melons, cabbage, etc., and I do not think they can possibly be beaten by any other goods for that purpose. My melon crop from "Golden Crown" this year was one of the largest and finest grown in this section, and my corn from "Triumph" on top of the hill after the seed was covered is also one of the best I have ever grown. I intend to keep on with the use of your Fertilizers.

She wanted to talk to him, but he showed no disposition to put aside his paper. "What are you reading, John?" she asked at length. "An article on the triple alliance," he replied. "The triple alliance," she repeated. "The papers have had a good deal to say about it, haven't they? For my part, I don't see why they don't just take and throw him out." "Throw who out?" he demanded. "What are you talking about, anyway?" "Why, that Utah congressman with three wives," she replied.

WOOLDRIDGE'S

Animal Bone Truck Phosphate,

MANUFACTURED BY

THE ROBERT A. WOOLDRIDGE CO.

BALTIMORE, MD.

GUARANTEED ANALYSIS:

Ammonia (derived from dried blood, sulphate of ammonia and high-grade tankage)	7.00 to 7.50
Potash (K_2O) (derived from high-grade muriate and sulphate)	5.00 to 5.50
Phosphoric acid, available (derived from pure bone stock)	7.00 to 8.00
Phosphoric acid, insoluble	1.50 to 2.00
Equal to bone phosphate of lime	15.00 to 18.00

See that you get the Genuine Wooldridge Fertilizers, which are put up in 167-pound bags (twelve bags to the ton); have the name of THE ROBERT A. WOOLDRIDGE CO. on each bag.

Herr Oil: "Haf you heard dot dog of mine ate a tape measure undt died?"

Herr Kut: "I suppose he died by inches, nicht var?"

"Aber nit; he vent oudt in der alley und die py der yard."

A. A. JAMES, Northampton Co., Va., Oct. 21, 1899, says: I have been using your Fertilizers this year, and am convinced that they are as good, at least, as any others now being sold to the farmers. I used the "Golden Crown" on onions and potatoes, and the "Triumph" on corn. I found them both first-class in results, and I shall use these brands again next spring.

THE LONGEST DAY.

It is quite important when speaking of the longest day of the year to say what part of the world we are talking about, as will be seen by the following list, which tells the length of the longest day in several places. How unfortunate are the children in Tornea, Finland, where Christmas day is less than three hours in length!

At Stockholm, Sweden, it is eighteen and one-half hours in length.

At Spitzbergen, the longest day is three and one-half months.

At London, England, and Bremen, Prussia, the longest day has sixteen and one-half hours.

At Hamburg, in Germany, and Danzig, in Prussia, the longest day has seventeen hours.

At Wardbury, Norway, the longest day lasts from May 21 to July 22, without interruption.

At St. Petersburg, Russia, and Tobolsk, Siberia, the longest day is nineteen hours and the shortest five hours.

At Tornea, Finland, June 21 brings a day nearly twenty-two hours long, and Christmas one less than three hours in length.

At New York the longest day is about fifteen hours long, and at Montreal, Canada, it is sixteen.

WM. E. RECTOR, Fauquier Co., Va., Oct. 15, 1899, says: I have given several of your brands of Fertilizers a very fair trial on different crops this year, and with the most satisfactory results in every instance. I used the "Golden Crown" on my early garden truck, and my tomatoes and cabbage were the best and earliest I have ever grown. I used the "Chieftain" on my corn in the spring in the hill at the rate of 250 pounds to the acre, and although this land has been in corn for four years successively, I have made the best crop that I have ever before grown on that land. I also used the "Triumph" brand on my late cabbage, putting on the liberal dressing of 1500 pounds to the acre, as I believe it will pay to do it every time. At this time they are simply *hustling* in growing, some of them being a foot across the head, and still rapidly growing. With this experience in the use of your Fertilizers, added to that of former years, I am fully convinced that they are all that you claim for them, and that they are money-makers for every farmer who uses them. I expect to continue the use of them as long as they give me the good results they are giving me at the present time.

An example of Irish humor is contained in the reply made to an investigating commission by an elder of a church in the north of Ireland that could not get along with its minister. The commission had asked the dissatisfied church session every question it could think of without finding out what was wrong with the minister. At last one of the commission asked of the session impatiently:

"Do you object to him because he is baldheaded?"

"We object to him," replied an ancient member of the session, solemnly, "because he is baldheaded inside his head."

For truck and small fruits the almost indispensable Fertilizer is "GOLDEN CROWN," made by the Robert A. Wooldridge Co. of Baltimore, Md. It is a big product itself, and is made to produce the biggest and best products on a truck farm where used as directed. Growth, to an extent at least, indicates the energy given up by the ground or soil, and to replace the energy is the mission of "GOLDEN CROWN." Rank-growing vegetables, tobacco and other soil-weakening crops require the elements furnished by this popular and efficient Fertilizer.

J. R. JAMES, JR., Northampton Co., Va., Oct. 21, 1899, says: I have been using and also selling your High-Class Fertilizers this year to other farmers in this section, and I think I can safely say, from their results, that they are fully as good, at least, as any others now on the market. I used your "Golden Crown" brand on my potatoes and onions, and found it first-class for those crops. The "Triumph" was used on corn, and with pleasing results. I also tried the "Liberty Bell" Potash Mixture on oats and clover. It brought me a very good crop of oats, and I have a very fine growth of clover now on the land. I think "Liberty Bell" is a very fine Fertilizer for clover; in fact, I don't want anything better than it is for that crop. I believe it is the best on the market today for clover and grass. I wish to say in this letter that my father, J. R. James, Sr., also used your goods this year with great satisfaction in results, and authorizes the use of his name in recommending their agricultural virtues to other farmers in search of good and reliable Fertilizers.

EXPANSION.

Yes, sir; I'm an expansionist. Some time back I was not; I was a contractionist. I had to sell land and mortgage what I did not or could not sell. I received one of those Farmers and Merchants' Hagerstown Almanacks issued by the Robert A. Wooldridge Co. of Baltimore, Md. Now, sir; I'm fixed, and their Fertilizers did it. They increased my crops, improved the quality thereof, built up and strengthened my land; and I want you to know, sir, that every year I've been expanding my fields until I've grown to be recognized as an all-around expansionist. Philippines? Now, stop. I'm talking farm, not politics. I'm a farm expansionist, I tell you, and have given you the reason.

D. L. PYLE & SON, Pylesville, Harford Co., Md., Nov. 7, 1899, write: We take great pleasure in recommending to our friends the various brands of your Fertilizers. For several years past we have been making especial use of your "Triumph" Mixture for both wheat and corn, and have derived from it decidedly better results than from any other kind of Fertilizer we have been able to find since beginning its use.

The Toronto "Saturday Night" tells the following story of Dean Vaughan. He had been preparing some colored clergymen for mission work, and had invited them to dine with him in the Temple.

On that day Mrs. Vaughan waited an hour in the drawing-room for her guests, but none came. At last she mentioned to the butler that it was odd that the invited guests did not appear.

"Yes, ma'am," he replied, "and what's odder still, I've done nothing all the evening but turn Christy Minstrels away from the door."

J. C. CHANDLER, Caroline Co., Va., Oct. 19, 1899, says: I wish to certify to the good character of your Fertilizers. I have used your "Golden Crown," "Chieftain" and "Champion Giant" brands on my different crops, and as far as I can definitely tell up to this time they have all done me splendid work. "Chieftain" has done well on millet and peas, the "Golden Crown" on Irish potatoes, and I now have the "Champion Giant" on my wheat-seeding this fall. I expect to continue the use of these Fertilizers as long as they are kept up to their present high standard.

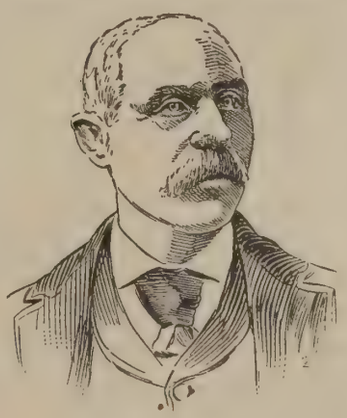
Mrs. McLubberty: "How did yez get along with the dintist, Murty?"

McLubberty: "Shure, he moighty near kilt me, so he did; but, bedad! Oi hov th' laugh on him all th' same."

Mrs. McLubberty: "Is thot so?"

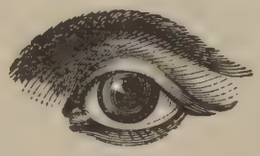
McLubberty: "Yis. Begorra! he pulled th' wrong toot'."

MAJOR A. B. BEST, Anne Arundel Co., Md., Nov. 22, 1899, says: Your "Eclipse" brand of Fertilizer that I used on my tobacco beds last spring gave me the earliest and best plants I have ever gotten before from any Fertilizer that I have used for that purpose. I am perfectly satisfied with it, and will certainly use it on my beds again next spring, as I do not think that I can find a better thing to get my plants with.



Could anything be neater than the old darkey's reply to a beautiful young lady whom he offered to lift over the gutter, and who insisted that she was too heavy: "Lor, missus," said he, "I'se used to lifting barrels of sugar."

WOOLDRIDGE'S



ECLIPSE

ANIMAL BONE

Truck Fertilizer.

In the preparation of this justly-celebrated brand we think we have fairly eclipsed all former efforts in the manipulation of a Fertilizer designed for a special purpose, and that the name we have adopted as a trade-mark is the most appropriate one for it to bear. This mixture began its successful career some years ago, and has been very extensively used and tested in all States where we have trade, but more especially in Southern sections in the growing of truck crops of all kinds, such as kale, spinach, cabbage and Irish potatoes, and also on tobacco and other plant beds, in forcing a rapid and vigorous growth of plants for early setting.

Every farmer engaged in truck-growing knows full well the great advantage there is in producing his crops of gilt-edged quality and being able to market them at the earliest possible moment before the market becomes overstocked with similar crops later on, for it is in the quality and earliness of marketing his products that he can hope for a profitable and adequate return for his labor. Forcing power, therefore, becomes of prime necessity to secure the object sought, and no truck-grower can ever hope to achieve complete success who fails to use manures containing this indispensably essential quality. Wooldridge's "ECLIPSE" is the best goods we can make for the purpose for which it is designed, and our advice to all of our truck-growing friends is to use the best they can get and plenty of it, for therein lies the profit. Lower-grade goods, while well adapted to their specific purpose, will not, as a rule, yield the same measure of profit in the growing of truck crops.

You can use Wooldridge's "ECLIPSE" with the greatest profit on any kind of truck you raise, but it is especially valuable on early onions, radishes, kale, spinach, cabbage, squash, peas, melons, etc., etc., and it will be found invaluable also to the tobacco-grower on the tobacco and other plant beds in securing early and vigorous plants. We do not hesitate to recommend "ECLIPSE" as being the equal of any Fertilizer on the market for the above-mentioned purposes. It will not only insure the earliest growth, but will make size, appearance, flavor and character of product at the same time.

"Tommy," said the teacher to a pupil in the juvenile class, "what is syntax?" "I guess it must be the tax on whiskey," replied Tommy. And the teacher thought he was entitled to a credit of 100 per cent.

ZACK TAYLOR, Anne Arundel Co., Md., Nov. 15, 1899, says: I have used your "Eclipse" (10 per cent.) Fertilizer on my tobacco beds, and it has given me such complete satisfaction that I shall most assuredly use it again. I have no hesitancy in declaring it to be the very best Fertilizer for that purpose that I have ever used, and I most cordially recommend it to my brother tobacco-growers who want a quick and lasting Fertilizer for that purpose.

"Do you make much out of your apples?" asked the visitor.

"Oh, pretty considerable," answered the farmer, "but I've got a son up in our town who makes more out of the apples in a month than I make the whole season."

"A farmer, is he?"

"No; he's a doctor. I'm talking about green apples now."

R. M. PINDELL, Anne Arundel Co., Md., Oct. 31, 1899, says: I have been using your Fertilizers now about ten years, and it affords me much pleasure to say that I have never been disappointed in their results on the crops to which I have applied them. I put the "Eclipse" brand on my tobacco beds last spring, and I had as fine and early plants as I could wish for. This is a splendid mixture for that purpose, and I do not think the farmers in this or any other section can do better than to use it altogether on their tobacco beds if they wish to get extra early and first-class plants.

DARKY ENGLISH.

Every great language has its mock lingoes and clipped dialects. The common people make one of their own, and every tribe of adopted foreigners in our country has its peculiar and amusing vernacular. Generally it resembles the original very much as a monkey resembles a man.

Darky English, like the grotesque belunder-words of the supposed Mrs. Partington, nearly always has a phonetic suggestion that makes the speaker's meaning laughably clear.

The fat old cook in Lynchburg, Va., who complained that her son "Sam's goin's on is conjurin' his institutions an' disriptin' us all" had the word "disreputable" echoing round somewhere in her head. She made herself understood, and there was piquancy in her new verb.

The colored servant who reported that her mistress was "sick wid nervous perfection" conveyed the doctor's diagnosis—and sprung a droll possibility besides.

Rev. Egerton R. Young describes to us one of his evenings in an African church in Florida, where the minister announced "de fus' chapter of the Epistle o' David," and proceeded to read the First Psalm. One fiery young exhorter in the meeting, with exemplary good taste, confined his remarks to those of his own age. "I's nuffin to say tonight," said he, "to disrupt de feelin's o' yous ole daddies an' mammies, but I's jes' goin' ter consummate dem sinners back dar by de do'."

None of the prayers were good English, but "We bow down on de bended an' syndicated knees of our body to beg a humble blessin'" somehow seemed to get singular emphasis from the imported adjective; and "O Lord, delibber us from upsettin' sins, an' prop us up on de tippin'-over side," certainly left nothing to be desired in directness and graphic force.

At the close of the service the pastor called attention to the rain-soaked and stained plaster in the recess back of the pulpit, which he had long tried in vain to persuade his shiftless parishioners to fresco, and he pronounced his ultimatum in this wise: "Bredren, de suvices in dis church will all be discontinnered ontil yo' fricasse de abscess."

Mr. Young adds a good quotation to close with, though there is no badly twisted English in it. "Pompey, how did you like my sermon?" said a vain and rather long-winded preacher to a black man who had sat under the gallery. Pompey was still aching with the fatigue of listening to the forty-minute discourse.

"Well, boss," he replied, "I t'ink yo' went by a lot o' mighty good stoppin'-places."

RICHARD KING, Anne Arundel Co., Md., Nov. 21, 1899, says: I purchased some of your "Eclipse" brand of Fertilizer last spring and used it on my tobacco beds, and I must say that I never before had earlier or finer plants from the use of anything than "Eclipse" gave me. Its results were perfectly satisfactory in every respect, and I am satisfied that it is a first-class Fertilizer for that purpose. I shall use the same brand again next spring on my tobacco beds.

WOOLDRIDGE'S

ECLIPSE ANIMAL BONE

Truck Fertilizer,

MANUFACTURED BY

THE ROBERT A. WOOLDRIDGE CO.

BALTIMORE, MD.

GUARANTEED ANALYSIS:

Ammonia (derived from dried blood, sulphate of ammonia and high-grade tankage)	10.00 to 11.00
Potash (K_2O) (derived from high-grade sulphate)	3.00 to 4.00
Phosphoric acid, available (derived from pure bone stock)	5.00 to 6.00
Phosphoric acid, insoluble	1.00 to 2.00
Equal to bone phosphate of lime	13.00 to 15.00

WILLIAM GAITHER, Mayo P. O., Anne Arundel Co., Md., Nov. 28, 1899, says: I used some of your "Eclipse" brand of Fertilizer on my tobacco beds last spring, and I must say that it gave me more and better plants than I ever before had from any Fertilizer that I ever used for that purpose. The plants were grown very early, and were first-class in every respect. I shall use this same brand again next spring on my tobacco beds, as I am very sure that I cannot get anything better for the purpose.

"Tommy, do you ever play hooky?"
"No'm; I can't."
"Why can't you?"
"Teacher boards at our house."

THREE DON'TS.

DON'T BE A DUDE.

Dudes don't amount to much, except as they afford amusement for the general public. They are decidedly more ornamental than useful. They don't think, and sometimes they grow exceedingly obstinate and disagreeable. If you desire to be of some use in the world it is all-important not only that you think for yourself, *but that you think along the right lines.* In matters pertaining to the farm think and be quick to realize that the best Fertilizers you can use on your land are the Genuine Wooldridge High-Class Fertilizers, made exclusively by the Robert A. Wooldridge Co., 223 and 225 Smith's Wharf, Baltimore.

DON'T BE A FOGY.

It is positively uncomfortable to be so widely different from other people in thought, dress and ways as to excite comment. This is a live, active, progressive world in which we live, and the best and most successful men are not living in the past, wedded to *"things that were,"* but are looking ahead to the things that are now and are likely to be live issues in the work of the days that are to come. Live, progressive farmers are not so much concerned about the brands and pictures on the sacks of Fertilizers as they are about the contents of the sacks. The Genuine Wooldridge Fertilizers are offered on their present merit and worth rather than on the worn-out trade-marks and brands of "defunct concerns." In other words, they are sold under the name and brand of the present manufacturers, who use their OWN name and trade-marks under which to sell their Fertilizers. In buying Fertilizers be careful to ask for the Genuine Wooldridge Fertilizers, which are made exclusively by the Robert A. Wooldridge Co., 223 and 225 Smith's Wharf, Baltimore, Md.

DON'T BE A BALLOON.

In other words, do not be so stuck on yourself as to be unable to see any good in other people. Balloons sometimes burst, and the conceited man frequently meets with trouble on life's pathway, and after being knocked down and run over a few times he begins to realize that "there are others," and that he does not know it all by a long shot. Don't be so wise that no one can tell you anything. In matters relating to plants and crops it will pay you to heed the experience of those farmers who have been successful on this line, the testimonials of hundreds of whom are given in this Almanack, unqualifiedly in favor of the Genuine Wooldridge High-Class Fertilizers, made exclusively by the Robert A. Wooldridge Co., 223 and 225 Smith's Wharf, Baltimore, Md.

"Sometimes," said Uncle Eben, "er young man dat hab a lot o' push makes de mistake ob applyin' it all ter de bicycle ob pleasure 'stid o' savin' some foh de wheelbarrow ob necessity."

CHARLES HAMPSTEAD, Grant Co., W. Va., Nov. 4, 1899, says: I bought one ton of your "Triumph" Fertilizer from Mr. J. L. Babb, the agent at this point, last spring and used it on oats and corn, and I am pleased to say that the results from it were fully as good as from any other Fertilizer that I have ever used, and I have used in former years some of the very best on the market. My oat crop was especially very good, in view of the fact that they were seeded in the very poorest land I have, the yield being twenty-three bushels to the acre. The grass on the land is good; yield of corn from the Fertilizer, ditto.

Tommy—"Paw, what does the paper mean by practical Christianity?"

Paw—"Practical Christianity is the kind that does not interfere with a man's business."

N. J. VANHORN, Harrison Co., W. Va., Nov. 1, 1899, says: I used your "Triumph" Fertilizer last fall on my wheat at the rate of only 150 pounds to the acre, and it has given me the best of results. My wheat was of very fine quality, and the yield per acre was above the average. I can confidently recommend "Triumph" to any farmer wanting a high-grade Fertilizer.

OATS AS FOOD FOR DAIRY COWS.

Mr. John T. McDonald is a successful dairy farmer at Delhi, N. Y. He keeps ninety cows, and is a firm believer in oats as a food for cows as well as horses. A recent conversation with Mr. McDonald is reported thus:

"I feed corn, wheat and oats—a bushel of each ground together. This gives me a pretty well-balanced ration, and I get very satisfactory results."

"Do you not find oats a rather expensive feed?"

"Perhaps they are, but I value them so highly that they would have to be more expensive than now before I would abandon them. Oatmeal makes good, sound men and women, and it is said by our scientists to be especially valuable as a nerve food. The cow is a nervous animal, and I am sure will pay me for this element in her ration."

"Are you using any ensilage?"

"I have abandoned its use for my dairy cows. I can make better butter without it than I can with it, and the change is noticed by my patrons. The ensilage was perfect, as far as one could see, but I shall use dry fodder hereafter."

"How much of the feed—wheat, oats and corn—do you feed each cow?"

"From seven to eight pounds, depending on her size, appetite, etc. I have noticed that since I have used this feed, especially the oats part of it, my cows have better health—less garget is seen, and they are generally in better condition."

MR. S. E. HARTLEY, Baltimore Co., Md., Oct. 31, 1899, says: I cultivated two and one-quarter acres in tomatoes this season, on which I used your "Triumph" Fertilizer at the rate of between 700 and 800 pounds to the acre in the hill, mixed well with the soil before setting the plants. About two-thirds of the land had been previously dressed with farm manure broadcast and ploughed under. From the two and one-quarter acres I hauled to the cannery and shipped to market together about 850 bushels of prime tomatoes, which I consider an excellent crop.

Some of the "things one would rather have left unsaid" are really inspired by kindness of heart. In a case of slander, says the "Green Bag," a lady had taken the stand in behalf of the plaintiff, whose attorney was examining her.

"Now, madam," he began, "repeat the slanderous statements made by the defendant on this occasion."

"Oh, they are unfit for any respectable person to hear!" was the emphatic answer.

"Then," said the attorney, coaxingly, "suppose you just whisper them to the judge."

MORRIS M. HAYS, York Co., Pa., Oct. 28, 1899, says: I tried your "Triumph" Fertilizer on my wheat-seeding last fall, but unfortunately the crop suffered greatly this year from the ravages of the Hessian fly, which caused the yield to be shortened in quantity. I have, however, a fine stand of clover on the land which is marked most favorably from the effect of the Fertilizer. I believe it to be a very reliable goods for the farmer to use.

A Western judge who has a reputation for severity recently had a prisoner before him for drunkenness. After stating the charge the policeman brought his prisoner up to the bar so that the judge could look at him closely.

"Drunkenness, eh?" said the judge. "It seems to me that I have seen your face before."

"That may be, your honor," responded the loquacious prisoner, cheerfully, "but I can't place you. You see, I have a great deal of trouble in remembering all the people I get drunk with."

He was given the maximum penalty.

JOHN COCHRAN, Harrison Co., W. Va., Oct. 20, 1899, says: I bought some of your "Triumph" brand of Fertilizer from your agent at this point, and have obtained very fine results from its use. I own a wheat drill, and have drilled in thousands of pounds of your Fertilizers for the farmers of this section, which shows how they are selling here, and I always recommend your goods on every occasion when the best Fertilizers are required. They are very popular here.

Then let us be up and doing,
With a heart on triumph set;
Still contriving, still pursuing,
And each one a husband get.

WM. J. VANSANT, York Co., Pa., Nov. 6, 1899, says: I did use your Fertilizers five or six years ago, but came to the conclusion that perhaps other brands would do me just as good service and at a less cost in price. Acting upon this idea, I bought and used goods made by other concerns. After giving them a fair trial for several years I found out that I had made a mistake in giving up yours, so I went back to my "first love" and took up the old reliable "Triumph" Mixture, which I have been using ever since, and have had my old-time gratifying experience in its results.

WM. H. LITTLE, Baltimore Co., Md., Nov. 3, 1899, says: I used your "Triumph" brand of Fertilizer on potatoes last spring, and am pleased to say that it has given me entire satisfaction in its results. I have used your "Chieftain" brand on my wheat this fall, and have a fine prospect at this time for a good crop, as the young growth is looking well. I can only say that as far as I have gone in the use of the Robt. A. Wooldridge Co.'s Fertilizers I am well pleased with them.

H. BOWER, York Co., Pa., Oct. 26, 1899, says: I used your "Triumph" brand of Fertilizer last fall on my wheat, and am glad to say that it has given me good results, not only in the yield of grain, but also in the fine set of grass I now have growing on the land. I shall want to use your Fertilizers hereafter just as long as you keep them up to their present high standard.

Weather Prognosticator.

Herschell's Table for foretelling the weather through all the lunations of each year.

This table and the accompanying remarks are the result of many years' actual observation, the whole being constructed on a due consideration of the attraction of the Sun and Moon in their several positions respecting the earth, and will by simple inspection show the observer what kind of weather will most probably follow the entrance of the Moon into any of her quarters, and that so near the truth as to be seldom or never found to fail.

If the new moon, first quarter, full moon or last quarter happen—	IN SUMMER.	IN WINTER.
Betw. midnight and 2 in the morning	Fair	Hard frost, unless the wind be S. or S. W.
Between 2 & 4 morn...	Cold, with frequent showers	Snow and stormy.
Between 4 & 6 morn.....	Rain	Rain.
Between 6 & 8 morn.....	Wind and rain	Stormy.
Between 8 & 10 morn...	Changeable	Cold Rain, if wind be W. snow if E.
Between 10 & 12 morn..	Frequent showers	Cold and high wind.
At 12 o'clock at noon and 2 in afternoon..	Very rainy	Snow or rain.
Betw. 2 & 4 afternoon....	Changeable	Fair and mild.
Betw. 4 & 6 afternoon....	Fair	Fair
Betw. 6 & 8 afternoon..	Fair, if wind N.W. Rainy, if S. or S.W.	Fair and frosty if wind N. or N. E., rain or snow if W. or S.W.
Betw. 8 & 10 afternoon..	Ditto	Ditto.
Betw. 10 & midnight.....	Fair	Fair and frosty.

Observations.—1. The nearer the time of the Moon's change, first quarter, full and last quarter is to midnight, the fairer will the weather be during the seven days following.

2. The nearer to midday or noon these phases of the Moon happen, the more foul or wet weather may be expected during the next seven days.

3. These observations refer principally to the summer, though they affect spring and autumn nearly in the same ratio.

4. The Moon's change, first quarter, full Moon and last quarter happening during six of the afternoon hours—that is, from four to ten—may be followed by fair weather; but this is mostly dependent on the wind as it is noted in the table.

5. Though the weather, from a variety of irregular causes, is more uncertain in the latter part of autumn, the whole of winter and the beginning of spring, yet in the main the above observations will apply to those periods also.

O. J. SHELTON, Lancaster Co., Va., Nov. 9, 1899, says: I have used your Fertilizers for several seasons, and they have given me entire satisfaction, especially your "Triumph" brand, which I have been using on strawberries and truck crops with fine results. On the berries it has given me the best yield and the finest quality of fruit in size and flavor I have ever had. My berries have been the admiration of the entire neighborhood.

Indications of the Weather.

A few of the more marked signs of the weather, useful alike to the seaman, farmer and gardener, are the following: Weather clear or cloudy, a rosy sky at sunset presages fine weather; a sickly-looking greenish hue, wind and rain; a dark or Indian red, rain; a red sky in the morning, bad weather or much wind, perhaps rain; a grey sky in the morning, fine weather; a high dawn, wind; a low dawn, fine weather.

Soft-looking or delicate clouds foretell fine weather, with moderate or light breezes; hard-edged, oily-looking clouds, wind; a dark, gloomy blue sky indicates fine weather. Generally, the softer clouds look the less wind (but perhaps more rain), may be expected; and the harder, more greasy rolled tufted or ragged, the stronger the coming wind will prove. Also, a bright yellow sky at sunset presages wind; a pale yellow, wet. Therefore, by the prevalence and kind of red, yellow and other tints, the coming weather may be foretold very nearly; indeed, if aided by instruments, almost exactly.

Small, inky-looking clouds foretell rain; light, scud clouds driving across heavy masses show wind and rain, but if alone may indicate wind only. High upper clouds crossing the sun, moon or stars, in a direction different from the lower clouds, or the wind belt below, foretell a change of wind in their direction. After the clear weather the first signs in the sky of a coming change are usually light streaks, curls, whisps, or mottled patches of white distant cloud. Dew is an indication of fine weather; so is fog. Remarkable clearness of atmosphere near the horizon, distant objects unusually visible, is a sign of wet, if not wind.

W. H. WHITCROFT, Baltimore Co., Md., Nov. 3, 1899, says: I purchased several brands of your Fertilizers last spring from your agents here, Messrs. Crook & King, and used them on different crops on the farm this season with very fine results. In the early spring I drilled in 200 pounds to the acre of your "Liberty Bell" Potash Mixture on oats, and it produced me an excellent crop. On my corn I used the "Triumph" Mixture, and I have never had a better crop of good, solid corn since I have been farming than it brought me. I shall want more of this brand again next spring. I have used your Fertilizers again this fall on my wheat, which is an evidence of my entire faith in them, and, although I seeded my land late, in order, if possible, to avoid the Hessian fly, the young wheat plants have made a most vigorous growth, and are at this writing looking well. With my short experience in the use of your Fertilizers, I can say that I am already convinced that they are all that you represent them to be.

Papa—"Well, Tommy, what do you want Santa Claus to bring you this Christmas?"

Tommy—"Oh, jes the same as usual—one of everything he can think of."

Everything in life, worth having, means a struggle. It is so in every department of human energy. Whether sailing a yacht, searching the heavens with a telescope, building an engine or ploughing a field, the old, old story of hard work is at the foundation of the effort. Unfortunately, in the world, the mean and the worthless too frequently come into competition with the true and the meritorious, to the detriment of the latter, and the resulting disappointment of those who are beguiled into the use of cheap things.

Especially is this true of fertilizers. All sorts of waste and by-products are used in the output of very many of the so-called fertilizers, leather-scrap, garbage tankage of lowest grades, hoof-meal, decomposed animal products, sludge acid and condemned chemicals are some of the more commonly used components. Not so, however, with **THE ROBERT A. WOOLDRIDGE COMPANY'S HIGH-CLASS FERTILIZERS.** These old and highly approved products are compounded from the very choicest agricultural chemicals and their manipulation is such as to turn out matchless goods. Then too, they are marketed in condition for immediate use and are pronounced by all who have used them as the most satisfactory fertilizers they have ever used.

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